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A GENEALOGICAL HISTORY

OF

JAMES RILEY

1788-1860

by

NELLIE RILEY RABER

To the memory of

BELL RILEY GRUESBECK

whose intrest in family history was my
inspiration

1936

PREFACE

The notes from which this manuscript has been made were gathered from original sources such as the archives of towns, paper files; from the Census Bureau of Pensions; county histories, genealogies and interviews. The sum of these gatherings is this booklet and from this beginning it is hoped a really fine family history may develop.

Each reader is asked to rectify any error noted and to look over all old family papers in your possession, clippings and old letters. Send them to me. They will be studied and returned safely to the owners. Old letters are of especial value. They mark the way for research in new fields.

Fifteen years of continued and diligent investigation are represented by this booklet. Very little is conjecture immigrant ancestor. No one of our line has attempted to tell the American story, altho there are Rileys in various states gathering material.

A lifetime is too brief for an undertaking of this nature, therefore each and everyone of us must take part. When finish is written to the story of it will not be an account of important people but it will be a record of a long line of law-abiding, resourceful, religious and quietly proud folk.

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VIRGINIA

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA

- 1787 Thomas Ryley, 100 acres. (Last assesment was in 1795)
- 1791 Abraham Riley, 175 acres. (Last assesment was in 1798)
- Personal Property Assessments
1792. Thomas Ryley in Dade's District
Abraham Ryley, 4 horses Gundoff's District
Jonathen Riley 1 " " "
- 1794 Abraham Riley
Jonathan Riley
Peter Riley
J oseph Riley
- 1795 Brice Riley in Grants District
Abraham Riley in Gundiff's District
Jonathan Riley " "
Peter Riley " "
J oseph Riley " "
- 1796 Jonathan Riley, 2 horses, John Kings District
Peter Riley 4 " " " "
Joseph Riley 4 " " " "
- 1797 Jonathan Riley in King's District
Peter Riley " "
Joseph Riley " "
J ohn Riley " "
- 1798 Peter Riley had 4 horses, one slave, 3 males in family over 16
Joseph Riley 3 horses 2 males over 16
John Riley 1 male in family over 16
- 1799 Jonathan Riley 2 horses 2 males over 16
Benjamine Riley had no property
Nathaniel Riley " " "
- 1800 Jonathan Riley
John Riley son of Jonathan
John Riley 1 horse, 2 males over 16

The only other printed record found of our ancestor, Abraham Ryley follows.
Reference, Biographical History of Toppecanoe, White, Jasper, Newton, Benton,
Warren and Pulaski Counties, Indiana. Published 1899. See Volume 1, page 129.

"James Riley, referred to in the first paragraph, was born in Prince William
Co., V irginia, a son of Abrabam and Martha(Price) Riley. Abraham Riley died
in the old Dominion, when his son J ames was very young. The latter went to
Fayette county, Ohio, when about seventeen years old, married there, and settled
on land as a pioneer. In 1843-44 he moved to this state Whitley county, where
he bought land for himself and forty acres for each of his children, Johnson,
James, Angeline and Rebecca; these children wdre by his second marriage.
Formerly he had married Sarah Waugh, and had one child, Sarah, James Riley
died in Whitley county, aged about 73 years, in 1860. He was a soldier of the
War of 1812, in which he was engaged in a skrimish with Indians. His company
was stationed at Fort Wayne. His father, Abraham Riley was a soldier in the
Re olutionary War.

In His religion, Abraham Riley was a Scotch Presbyterian until after Methodism was established in America. It was told that he attended some of their camp-meetings and subsequently became a follower of Wesley's teaching. Since ~~that~~ then, his descendants have univarsally adhered to that church body. Slavery was a question that was debated, pro and con by the Methodist conference. There was a strong feeling against the practice and Abraham Ryley was swayed by trend of sentiment, manumited his slaves. This was a tremendous sacrifice condidering their value in money, the time, and his plac~~e~~ of residence. However, the liberated black people refused to depart, and remained with their old master so long as he lived.

In Janurary of the year, 1788 there was born to Abraham and Martha(Price) Ryley, a son, whom they called James. There were other children in the family and we recall the names of Finton, John and Nathan. The others are not remembered. It has been told that Fenton Riley lived in Indiana; that he had a very large family and that he had very little property. Nothing tangible os recollected of Nathan Riley, James and his brother John went from Colpeper, Virginia to Ohio. They "rode their saddle horses", and arrived about the year 1805. James Riley had with him an unrecorded deed to some land in his native state., Virginia, what became of his land is yet a m~~ys~~tery.

The tale of that lost deed ran as follows: One fine day when James Riley was not at home a stranger riding a handsome black horse, came to the door. He asked and was assured that they had possession of a deed for lands in Virginia. Then this stranger wanted to see the deed, which some member of the household took " from the bureau drawer and handed to him. H e had not dismounted, so read the socument from that point of vantage. H e made the remark, "Yes this is it", spurred his horse to an gallop and rode away with the deed under his arm.

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When John and James Riley reached Ohio, James found employment in a tavern. Sometimes it was said that the tavern belonged to a brother. Liquor was sold by tavern-keepers, but it was long remembered and proudly told that James never touched a drop of it. We are not certain that the brothers proceeded immediately to the Virginia District of Ohio; which was a tract of land between the Scioto and Little Miami Rivers and extended southward to the Ohio; however that is the general impression. It was often mentioned that the brothers separated and that "John went on down the Ohio", ~~aside~~ also that James had no word from or of his brother thereafter.

We found that a Nathan and John Riley had settled at an early date in what is now Harrison County. John lived in Nottingham township; made a will in 1819 and died before 1823. He left a wife named Mary, and these children, named William, Abram and Mary. Nathan Riley and his wife were buried in the town of Cadiz; which would indicate that they lived there before they died. Their tombstones in the old cemetery at Cadiz yielded this date; Nathan Riley died 1823 aged 83 Nancy wife of Nathan died in 1860 aged 70 years If the John Riley who located near Cadiz was a brother of James, then it was our John who "went on down the river".

In 1809 James Riley became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was a faithful worker for more than 50 years. It has not been established where this service began, but it is thought that he was a charter member of what is now Waugh Chapel, Buckskin township, Ross county, Ohio. It was told that he added an extra room to his house, so that meetings could be held there. He became a class leader and was greatly esteemed.

About 1810 a group of people met at the Joseph Waugh home and organized a church, and he gave a corner of his farm for a church yard. There a rude log cabin was erected which was replaced in time by a frame building. About 1878 a brick church was built on a site about one quarter mile away from the old one. Rev. J. B. Finley and Rev. James Havens were the pioneers of Methodism in that township.

Joseph and Mary (Hopkins) Waugh were natives of Connecticut. They came to Buckskin township about 1805 and remained there the remainder of their lives. Settlers on the farm about them were Mary's three brothers Matthew, Moses and Robert also Lemon Waugh brother of Joseph. Between 1812 and 1820, "James Riley's 20 acres" were mentioned in describing land owned by Lemon Waugh.

In November 1936 the writer while motoring over the old roads in the vicinity called on Mr. Frank McNeil at Roxabel, O. Mr. McNeil, the distinguished pioneer of Frankfort, Ohio. In the course of conversation stated that Waugh Church was the place of some of the greatest Methodist meetings ever held. At such times no standing room was available either in the building or in the grounds outside.

At this time Lawson Day, another native of Ross county O. and a grandson of Samuel Day the pioneer related this incident of long ago. "When Samuel Day was still a resident of Virginia, he was told by his cousin Daniel Boon, that if ever he moved to Ohio, he should locate on Deer Creek near the mouth of what is Waugh's Run; he because there game was more plentiful than he had ever seen in elsewhere."

James Riley was in Ross County when he enlisted in the war or 1812. It was told that he was stationed at Fort Wayne and was engaged in a skirmish with the Indians. He was with a party that went northwest out of Fort Wayne as far as Elkhart and beyond. It was told that he saw enough dead Indians to make a bridge across the river." Charles More of Fort Wayne, Indiana, an authority on Indian lore stated that when a company of soldiers, including James Riley and a Gradeless was stationed near Little Turtle's village on Eel River, a wild hog ran through the camp leaving confusion and dismay behind.

Bell Riley Gruesbeck late of Thorncreek township, Whitley County Indiana stated that "along with grandpap were a Waugh and a Gradeless." We turn to some published records for confirmations of the foregoing traditions.

General Harrison's orders for raising a Company of Mounted Volunteers, 21st of September 1812 (Saint's Mary's) Addressed to Major William Allen Trimble, reads: See Volume 14 page 230 of the Ohio Archaeological and Historical publications.

"You are hereby requested to proceed through that part of the State of Ohio lying in the direction of the mouth of the Scioto and endeavor to prevail upon some of the organized Companies of Militia in that part of the State to join me on mounted Volunteers, with as much expedition as possible under the permission heretofore given by Governor Meigs. Companies serving during the Expedition which is not calculated to exceed 30 days and will not extend beyond 40, will be considered as having performed a tour of duty."

I am respectfully,
Your Humble Servant,
Wm. H. Harrison.

Postscript:

Those who have any disposition to accept the very favorable proposition contained in General Harrison's letter, will meet at Hillsborough on Monday the 28th Inst., provision, and forage, each man will carry as much bacon or salted meat as will last the campaign, clothing, blankets, etc. Those who cannot conveniently furnish themselves with rifles, can draw market at Dayton or Urbana, Horses, guns and equipage and will be appraised and paid for at the rate of 50¢ per day for each horse.

William A. Trimble."

From another letter; October 6, 1812. "Proceed immediately from Fort Wayne to the Potawatimie Towns about seventy-five miles beyond and about twenty or thirty beyond the towns on Elkhart, lately destroyed by a detachment of the Army under my command," etc

WSigned; William Henry Harrison.

Roster of Ohio Soldiers War of 1812

See volume 2 page 385

Captain Samuel Davis's Mounted Company

September 23 to October 23, 1812

Roll

Captain Samuel Davis

Ensign George Teter

Lieutenant Daniel Robbins

Sergeants

Daniel Hare

Philip Hare

Hugh Cochran

Thomas McDonald

Privates; George Boye, Francis Boye, Joseph Boggs, William Blain, Robert Canida

Henry Core, John Canley, Peter Eliver, James Dean, Asa Davis, John Edmiston (William Gradeless) Henry Hester, (Moses Hopkins), Jacob Hare, Joseph Huston Thomas McDonale, James Pummel, (James Riley) Joseph Toclhold, Moses Robbins Edward Sherlock, Thomas Shannon, Joseph Smithson, (Lemon Waugh), Adam Yaren.

Roll of Lieutenant John McArthur's Company; Served from July 28 to August 27, 1813. See Vol. 1, 11279 of Roster, War of 1812.

Lieutenant John McArthur

Sergants (James Riley)

James Larken

John Sample

Corporals Robert Miller

Joseph Morton

(Ezra Lucas)

Privates: Thomas Blain, John Blain, James Caldwell, Isaac DeVos, Benjamin Brackney, John Burkley, John Cassel, Daniel Clark, Matthew Kelley, Adam Kerr, John Logan, John Morton, Richard Morrow, Hugh Milligan, William McClure, A Alexander McCracken, Silas Young.

Nearly every name that appeared on these rolls was familiar by reason of astrdy of the settlement of Ross Co. Amore diligent search may unearth additional data of our ancestor's part in this war. The files of the Scioto Gazette at Chillicothe are yet to be perused, but aside from this record very little source material is available.

And now since the Waughs and Rileys have been friends, neighbors and even kinfolk over a period of 126 yearsit pleases me to include in this record, some family dats from the Bible once the property of Joseph Waugh in Ohio

Record of Births

Rebecca Waugh born December 1792

Flourilla Waugh born Oct 13, 1794

Elizabeth Waugh born Nov. 28, 1799

Zuby Waugh born Jan. 24, 1802

Milo Waugh born Jan 23, 1804

Joseph Waugh born April 3, 1806

Mary Waugh born June 4, 1808

Rachel Waugh born June 9, 1810

Matilda Waugh born Oct 26, 1812

Nancy Waugh born Wct 29, 1817

Malinda Waugh born Oct. 21, 1819

Record of Marriages from Ross Co. Ohio

Rebecca Waugh to William Gradeless on July 20, 1811

Elizabeth Waugh to Nathaniel Gradeless on Sept. 23, 1815

Sarah Waugh to James Riley on Nov. 11, 1816

Milo Waugh to Elizabeth Kiious on Jan. 24, 1829

Joseph Waugh to Nancy Harper on June 12, 1834

Mary Waugh to Absalom Kiious

Matilda Waugh to Zebulon Bryan on Dec. 6, 1832

Nancy Waugh to N elson Compton

The First Marriage of James Riley

On November 5th, 1816 James Riley obtained a marriage license at Chillicothe, Ohio; then on Monday, November 11th, 1816, was married by Rev. Reuben Rowe to Miss Sarah Waugh, a daughter of Joseph and Mary(Hopkins)Waugh. Sarah was born in Pennsylvania on November 28, 1799 and was only sixteen years old at the time of her marriage. She had moved to Ohio with her parents, who came about 1800 from either Washington or Allegheny county, Pennsylvania.

It is thought that James and Sarah Riley, went to housekeeping in Buckskin township, Ross County, Ohio, where at the time James had 20 acres. This part of the township has been described as having hills with long slopes, and rich vallys. There was fine timber of oak, walnut, beech, black locust, ash, elm, hickory, sycamore and poplar. Game abounded and consisted of bears, wolves, many rattlesnakes in the rocks and hills. The settlers in the township were moral and religious. They discouraged the use of liquor and stillhouses did not flourish. Until about 1842 the people received their mail at Greenfield; from which point a route passed through Buckskin township to Chillicothe, Zanesville and other points. The carrier rode a horse and sometimes it was necessary for him to lead a pack-horse. For a time the stage route led through, but when some more roads were made it was marked over another course. Quoting the Ross county history and from the chapter on this township, we have a picture of 1816 and later years; "The early settlers had their time of enjoyment and jollity, among which were gatherings for log rollings, house raising and corn huskings. At such times rhymes were made and sung, in which the names of most of the settlers were brought in, sometimes as follows; I see a bear, said Jacob Hare; shoot him down said George Brown he's very poor said Ben McClure; pick up a carrion said Sam Irwin; Throw it to the dogs, said Alex Scroggs, etc.

" Among the young people the girls had quilting partys, singing schools, and other social gatherings, where the young men would be sure to gather in the evenings, and at a proper hour, escort their fair companions to their proper homes.

There was prevalent at this time, a most distressing and dangerous sickness. Not only humans, but cows, horses, dogs, and sheep were attacked. They had many names for it and some of the terms were, "the trembles, the fires, the slows the swamp sickness, and the puking sickness." It manifested itself by such symptoms as extreme nervous agitation, vomiting, low temperature, purging and dry skin and tongue.

The winter of 1815-1816 was long remembered because of the deep snow, which was a fall of sixteen inches, followed by freezing rain. Over the crust which formed, boys and dogs could run, while the deer broke through. Everyone must have hunted, for venison sold in Washington Courthouse, brought only six cents per saddle quarter pound of powder.

On December 26, 1817, Sarah Riley died. Her Death followed the birth of a daughter, who was named Sarah in memory of her mother. It has been told that "some Waugh's took the baby." It is regretted that we know so little of her childhood or young womanhood. In the year 1838 she was a resident of Madison county Ohio, which cannot be explained by any knowledge we have now. At that time her father was a resident of Fayette County, which joins Madison on the south. About 1827 the Dufflingers left Concord township, Ross county and located in Madison. They were followed by two sets of Lillys in 1829, namely Armiger and Rebecca(Hutchinson)Lilly with their children, and the widow Theodosia (Riley) Lilly with her family. Thomas Lilly, husband of Theodosia died in Ross County Ohio in 1823. Armiger and Thomas came to Ohio from Fluvanna county Virginia; where they had married in the year 1800; and arrived about 1805. These Lillys were friends and neighbors of the family but sometimes it was told

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that they were relatives. Theodosia Riley may have been a sister to our James Riley. Way back in Riley history there was something told about three sisters. One of them was a Mary Bagwell. Benjamin Lilly, son of Armiger, died at the home of Johnson Riley in Whitley County, Indiana and was burried in the southwest corner of Blue River cemetery. This was about 1856. It was remembered that Johnson Riley once said of Benjamin Lilly "H e was my cousin."

When a young woman twenty years old, Sarah Riley became the wife of Daniel Dufflinger. the following account was taken from Book A of the recorded marriages in Madison county, Ohio

"I Certify that by virtue of a License lssued by the Clerk of Courts of said County, I foinedtogether in holy wedlock on this 28th day of Feburary Daniel Durflinger and Sarah Riley. Given under my hand and seal this 27th March, 1838. H.Crabb.(SS) Daniel and Elizabeth Durflinger are believed to be the parents of Daniel. They had children named Mary and Phillip, who married Wesley and Mary Lilly, respectively. These last were son and daughter of Thomas and Theodosia(Riley) Lilly.

SARAH RILEY

1817-1843

Sarah Riley, wife of Daniel Durflinger; daughter of James and Sarah (Vaugh) Riley, and mother of Philip Nathan Durflinger and James Riley Durflinger; was born in Ohio, on December 24, 1817 and died in Hamilton county, Indiana on June 18, 1843. She was buried in the old part of the town cemetery at Noblesville where a small marble slab marks her grave and bears this legend;

SARAH RILEY
WIFE OF

DANIEL DURFLINGER
died

June 18, 1843
aged
25 years. 5 mo. 18 da.

Daniel durflinger was the grandson of one Henry Durflinger, a native of Baden, Germany who had located in V irginia prior to the Revolution. He served under Washington and LaFayette in that war and died in Virginia. He had five children of whom three were Frederick, Thomas, and Daniel. These three settled in the vicinity of Frankfort, Ohio about the year 1803. In 1827 Thomas and Daniel went to Madison county, Ohio. It is thought that Daniel and his wife Elizabeth were the parents of Sarah's husband.

After January 21, 1839 and before January 21, 1841, Daniel and Sarah Durflinger went to Hamilton county, Indiana. There on the date last mentioned they bought a tract of forty acres for which they paid one hundred dollars. This farm was the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Township 19 and Range 5. In other words It was a tract situated three miles northwest of Westfield in Washington township. It has been told that Daniel owned and operated a mill somewhere on White River. He was a great worker in the Methodist Church and assisted in forming the class in that vicinity and preached to it in his own home and in the homes of others. It is thought that Sarah was the mother of at least four children but only two lived beyond the infancy period. After her death Daniel was married in 1844 to Rachel, daughter of Andrew and Catherine Rhodabush Fryberger. Rachel died January 25, 1845 aged thirty two years. On May 20, 1846 the twice bereft Daniel was wedded to Martha Fryberger, sister of Rachel and she survived him. He died December 30, 1854 aged about forty years. He too was buried at Nobelsville but in the Fryberger lot.

Charilla, John, Oliver and George Durflinger were children of the third marriage of Daniel. Of these George died October 9, 1854 age 1-3-4. Charilla lived to a great age and was a writer of interesting letters. She took a great interest in this manuscript but was only seven when her father died and had no record of his people. She thought that her grandfather Durflinger preceeded the grandmother in death. We have at this time no more data of Daniel or Sarah his wife except that she was the Sister Sally long remembered by her younger half brothers and sisters.

PHILLIP NATHAN DURFLINGER

Phillip Nathan Durflinger was born in Madison county Ohio on January 21, 1839 and died after 1930 in Cooksville Ill. At the age of fifteen years and just after the death of his father, he moved from Indiana to McLean county Ill. He enlisted for service in the Civil War, on December 7, 1861 and was discharged on September 25, 1865. He was Corporal and later Captain Durflinger of Co. D. 151st Ill. Inf. On the 21st on November 1865 he married Louise Cross, Rev. Rutledge performed the ceremony in Bloomington, Ill. Louise preceded him in death and Phillip continued to live in Cooksville, alone except the companionship of a son Walter. Phillip was a member of the Methodist Church thus followed the path of religious direction designated by his ancestors. To Phillip and Louise Durflinger the following children were born;

- A. William- born August 15, 1867; married Edith Floense. he is deceased she lives at Aurora, Ill They had one child named Melvin.
- B. Emma Married James Fry; she died many years ago leaving two girls Rinna of Paoria and Fern of Assumption Ill Emma Fry was burried six miles south of Cooksville.
- C. Walter born January 9, 1872, is a contractor lives at Cooksville and is lingle
- D. Oliver born November 26, 1874 married Louisa Kluker; resided at Eldon, Iowa has a family of six children consisting of four boys and two girls.
- E. Dean born November 15, 1876 married Laura Winklepluck who died June 30, 1928. has a family of thirteen children and lives at Cooksville, Ill.
- F. Belle born March 16, 1879 ~~has~~ married name was Mantel; she lives at 305 West Monroe Street, Bloomington Ill. and has two girls. They are both public school teachers. Their names are Catherine and Irene.

Long ago Phillip Durflinger wishing for some word of his kinfolk in Whitley county, Indiana wrote to his cousin Sammel Riley. That letter was received, read and enjoyed then placed in the family Bible. Years passed before it was answered by Belle Grosebeck in 1920. She addressed a letter to Phillip Durflinger at Cooksville, Ill., to which he replied immediatly and seemed overjoyed to be in touch with his mothers people. Two letters written by him to Nellie Raber are reproduced and follows;

Cooksville, Ill.

March 21, 1926

Your much surprising letter received and was glad to hear from anyone of the Riley's. Back somewhere in the eighteens I was to see Uncle Johnson and while there one little boy was sick and born to the yard you spoke of. Bell Riley has found me some two weeks ago and will send my decond this morning. So if you go that day perhaps you may see her. I have often wondered about the Riley family. But somehow, I can't just say how but times so so change as they have in this case. You spoke of some pictures. Yes send them by all means. It seems that you two girls are trying to round up the Riley family which will be a fine piece of work. Mother died when I was only four years old. She left one small baby, James Riley Durflinger. He left us one year ago. To him and wife eight children were born all living out in Kansas. I am on my 88th mile and to wife and me six children were born. two departed. I have twenty grand-children and five great-grandchildren In our make up you can just use the part of this you think best. This is from a Riley descendent in looks as you

describe yourself. When you get over to Columbia City hope you have a happy time at home.

signed, Phil Durflinger

Cooksville, Ill. May 30, 1920

Yours recieved and many thanks for the cards. I enjoyed them. The old home place looked as I had it in mind. The house on one side and the bar on the other. But the trees were much larger but I enjoyed it very much and thank you for your kindness. The sad part is that our father had to go. We were only born to die. That is one thing we cannot change. I had a letter from Belle and a paper clipping of his life. Anything I enjoyed was a lifelong Methodist I think best of all. Excuse me, it's my choice. I have been rather under this spring but am better at this time. Hoping you and all your interest are in splendid health for that is the dearest boon anyone can have. I have been much favored.

This from

Phil Durflinger

JAMES RILEY DURFLINGER
1841- 1918

James Riley Durflinger was born in or near Westfield, Indiana on November 20 1841 and died in Republic county Kansas on December 8, 1918. He was a soldier of the Civil War, having enlisted at Towanda, Ill. on February 18, 1864 and was a private in Co. D. 51st Ill. Infantry. His marriage to Rachel Edenfield took place in Livingston county, Ill. on October, 29, 1867, Rev. Snyder officiating Rachel was born May 2, 1845 near Sugar Tree Ridge in Highland county, Ohio and died at Narka, Kansas on September 9, 1920. She was a daughter of John and Eliza Edenfield who had removed from Ohio to Illinois. James and Rachel Durflinger had a family of eight children, all living at this time of Rachel's death. They were named as follows;

A. Mary Alverda born August 11, 1863; wife of William Corbin of Louisburg,

Kansas she has children and grandchildren

John Hamilton born May 17, 1870

Francis Marion born March 19, 1872

Emma Elizabeth born March 9, 1874

Louisa Bell born April 5, 1876

James born March 18, 1878

Jonas born August 10, 1880

William E. born Feb. 25, 1886

Of these the children of James and Rachel Durflinger we have a fuller account

A. Mary Alverda, See above

B. John Hebron, Nebraska

C. Francis Warsaw, Missouri

Emma Name Wills Narka, Kansas

E. Louisa Bell was married on February 25, 1895 by John Jacobs at Bellville Kansas to Fredric Dettman. He was born April 7, 1871; son of Charles and Christine(Westfall)Dettman. The Dettmans are farmers living

Narka, Kansas and are members of the Presbyterian Church.

They have four children;

- E1. Clara Esther Dettman was born December 15, 1895 in Republic county Kansas and died March 14, 1915 at Lincoln Nebraska. She suffered from diabetes. Her place of burial was Maple Grove cemetery near Narka Kansas.
- E2. Lester Dettman was born August 9, 1897; entered World War service at Camp Funston on Sept. 4, 1918 and was honorably discharged on February 17, 1919. He was a private in Col. 69th Inf. On June 7, 1925 he married Lulu Jand, born Feb. 9, 1906 daughter of Joe and Ann(Dvorack) Splichal. A son Lester was born on March 12, 1924.
- E3. James Riley Dettman was born November 20, 1898 and is a farmer of Narka, Kansas.
- E4. Ray Hannibal Dettman was born June 8, 1901 at Red Cloud Nebraska and died November 9, 1919 a victim of diabetes. Buried at Maple Grove Cemetery.
- F. James Durflinger born March 18, 1878 lives at Narka, Kansas. his wife's name is Stella. One child Jean born October 15, 1918 died August 19, 1928.
- G. Jonas Durflinger born February 25, August 10, 1880 lives at Watervliet Michigan. Wife Lena. Children, Glen, Audis and Wilbur
- H. William born February 25, 1886 lives at Courtland, Kansas. Married to Minnie and has a daughter June.

Obituary Notices from Republic Co. Kansas

loaned by
Louisa Belle Durflinger Dettman

"James Riley Durflinger was born in Hamilton county, Indiana, November 20, 1841 and died at Narka, Kansas Dec. 8, 1918 aged 77 years and 18 days. He was married to Rachel Elizabeth Edenfield, October 29, 1867. To this union were born eight children, Mary, of Louisburg, Kansas; Frank of Warsaw, Mo.; John and Joe of Hebron, Neb; Emma Louisa, Jim and Willie of Narka. He came to Kansas 36 years ago. He united with the Methodist church in 1869 and lived a true christian life. He volunteered in the Civil War and served 19 months until the end of the war. The deceased leaves to mourn besides his wife and children, one brother Phillip, 22 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren."

Rachel Elizabeth Edenfield Durflinger was born on the second day of May 1845 near Sugar Tree Ridge in Highland county, Ohio and died Sept. 9, 1920 at Narka, Kansas at the age of 75 years, four months and 7 days. At an early age she moved with her parents to Illinois, where she was married to James R. Durflinger on the 31st day of October, 1867, who preceded her in death about two years. To this union were born eight children, Mrs W. D. Corbin of Louisburg, Kansas; John Durflinger, Hebron, Nebraska; Frank of Warsaw, Mo. Joe of Letcher, South Dakota; Mrs Robert Wills, James Durflinger, Mrs Fred Dettman, and William Durflinger all of Narka, Kansas. The family moved to Republic county Kansas in 1882 where she lived until her death. In early womanhood Mrs. Durflinger united with the Methodist church of which she remained a true and faithful member until the good Lord called her to join the Church Triumphant there to receive the reward in store for her. Besides her children she leaves to mourn her death 21 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends, all of whom will remember her for her kindness and stability of character and as a true christian."

Will of Joseph Waugh, Ross County, Ohio

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In the name of God amen, I Joseph W ugh, Senior of Ross County and the State of Ohio being old and well stricken in years yet of sound mind and of a disposing memory, and well dnowing the undertainy of the human life I view it as my duty to set my earthly affairs in order which I now do by making this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows. To wit:

Item 1st; I will and bequeath my immediate soul to God.

Item 2nd: My will and desire is that after my decease as soon as possible my excutor shall pay off all my just debts and funeral expences.

Item 3rd: I I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary all my kithhen furniture, her bed and covering, one good cow of her own choosing from my stock of cattle, one good horse beast of her her own choosing from my stock of horses, also one third of the amount of monies arising from the sale of my real and personal property, to be used by her during her natural life.

Item 4: As soon and convenient I hereby will and direct my excutor (which will hereafter be named) to sell my farm in manner and way that will cause it to bring the best price.

Item 5: My will and devise is that as soon as possible my decease that my excutor will make sale of my personal property, in the usual manner that personal property sold at the decease of the owner.

Item 6: As to my daughter, Azuba Waugh and my grand-daughter Sally Durflinger, I bequeath to each of them of their g heirs a special lefacy of one hundred dollars.

Item 7: After making the special bequests in items 3 and 6, I will andbequeath to my sons, Milo Waugh, Joseph Waugh, and to my daughters Rebecca Gradeless, Mary Kiious, Elizabeth Gradeless, Matilda Bryan, Nancy Compton, Malinda Lucas and Azuba Waugh the residue of the monies arising from the sale of my real and personal estate, to be divided equally to them and their heirs.

Item 8: I hereby appoint and constitute my son Joseph Waugh and My son-in-law Zephanish Bryan as my executors. Sothis my last will and testament saking all other wills as made by me as void and of none effect the provisions in this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of February, 1842.

Witnesses: William Hopkins
Levi Hopkins

Signed:
Joseph Waugh S r.

Second Marriage of James Riley to Miss Nancy Hogan

daughter of William and Mary Hogan

Who came from Ireland to America and lived in Maryland- Virginia- Ohio

It is known from a study of the civil records that William Hogan and his family were in Hardy county, Virginia in the year of 1795. They were in Ross county, Ohio before 1819. From 1828 to 1835 William^Hogan was a taxpayer in Allentown, Allen county, Ohio. The date of his death is not known. No record has been found of the death of Mary Hogan. They were between 70 and 80 years of age when the census of 1840 was taken. The place of their burial has not been found. Also it is not known where their daughter Delila Hogan was buried. Anyone who is able to give a clue that will assist in locating these graves will confer a great favor by making such information known.

North



Where they lived in Ohio

James Riley and Nancy Hogan were married on Sunday, December 16, 1819 by Reverend John Brown. The licence had been issued in Ross County Ohio. They established a home within the bounds of the William Robinson Survey #6452; which was a tract along the southeast border of the township called Wayne in the county of Fayette and was near the angle of the township's most eastern corner.

In a period of six years, four children were born to them but Nancy's death occurred three days after the birth of the fourth. It was told that during those three days she did not speak. The date of her death was probably about December 28, 1825. A diligent and fruitless search has not been made for the grave of Nancy, but hope of locating it has not been abandoned.

Nancy was a daughter of William and Mary Hogan; and on the Maternal side, a granddaughter of Lord Cunningham of Coringham. It was often told that she had royal blood in her veins. Her parents came to America prior to 1794, at which time they were in Hardy County Virginia. The first settlement was in Maryland, on a tract of one hundred and twenty acres; which William Hogan made into a peach orchard. William Hogan was a skilled cabinet-maker but could turn out a pair of boots, build a house or mend almost any article brought to his wood-working shop for repair. He strove to provide and maintain a suitable home for his wife and family; working from sixteen to eighteen hours per day in order to do so. It was a point of pride with him to keep his wife and daughters supplied with best dresses of silk and riding habits of finest broadcloth. Of his irascible temper no descendant failed to hear or remember. William and Mary had a large family of children but we are unable to name all of them. We have data of Delila Hogan, Mary Walters and Elizabeth Bryant. We have references to Ann Bryan, Sally Compton, Catherine Hogan and John Hogan.

Delila, Mary and Catherine Hogan assisted James Riley in the care of his children until his daughters could manage the household. The baby, James was with "some relatives" until the age of three years, then returned to his father's household. The four children:

Rebecca Riley born Sept. 14, 1820

Angeline Marshall Riley born 1821 or 1822

Johnson Hogan Riley born Oct 18, 1823

James Core Riley born December 25, 1825

These with the exception of James married and had children.

Rebecca reached an age of 78 years, Angeline was 76, Johnson was 77 and James 53.

From 1820 until the time of purchase it is probable that James Riley leased the land upon which he lived. The deeds relative to the purchase and sale of this farm are given:

DEED

Fayette County Ohio

Wayne Township

100 acres

Consideration \$200

Date May 24, 1827

Charles Stewart, Executor and Sally Robinson, Executrix

to

James Riley

Deed Book E, page 474.

Whereas William Robinsin, Esquire, late of the county of Ross and state of Ohio, deceased, by his will and testament which is duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Court of Common Pleas of said county, appointed James Stewart of the county of Fayette, in the said state, executor and Sally Robinson of the county of Ross aforesaid, executrix of said will and at the same time authorized man empowered them if necessary for the payment of his debts to sell his new lands, which said necessity now exists. NOW THEREFORE THIS INDENTURE made this twenty fourth day of May in the year of Our Lord, eighteen hundred and twenty seven between the said James Stewart, Executor and Sally Robinsin for herself of the first part and James Riley of the county of Fayette in the state of Ohio of the second part WITNESSETH THAT the said parties of the first part in virtue of the power and authority in them visited as stated in the premises aforesaid and in consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars, lawful money of the United States, to them in hand paid by the said James Riley, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have granted, bargained, sold and conveyed unto the party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever, all that tract, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and veing in bounded and described as follows to wit:

Beginning at a white oak and elm corner to the pease sold to the heirs of Miller, deceased of 150 acres and 56 sold to Kerkendoll, thence north 60, west 33 poles to an elm and a small bur oak, thence south 45 west 30 west 180 poles to four small black oaks, corner to pease sold William Gradeless east 124 south 30"50 minit east 155 poles with his line. North 23" east 124 poles to two elms and bur oak then north 13"50' west 76 poles to the beginning, containing one hundred acres more or less being part of survey #6452, patented to William Robinson on eleventh day of April, 1815. Together with all the improvements and appurtenances to the same belonging or appertaining and the rents issued and claim which the said William Robinson had or might have had conveyed with all the improvements and appurtenances unto him the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever in perfect complete and a manner as the said parties of the first part by virtue of the premises aforesaid might could ofought to convey the same. Hereby for and in behalf of the estate of the said Testator and all these to whom the same is devised of shall descend, warranting and defending the lands and premises hereby conveyed to him the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever against all persons

whatsoever, it being however expressly shall hereby incur no liability of responsibility whatever in consequence of the aforesaid conveyance and claim of Warranty, In testimony whereof the said parties of the first part be reunto set their hands and affix their seals, the day and year first in this indenture written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of
Samuel Rowlings
Hugh R. Stewart

Signed:
James Stewart Ex.
Sally Robinson, Executrix of
William Robinson.

Deed Book J , page 155
Fayette County, Ohio
17 acres
Consideration \$90
Date: August 8, 1835
Charles Alder to James Riley

This indinture made this 8th day of August in the year of Our Lord, 1835 between Charles Alder and Mary, his wife and James Riley of the county and state aforesaid of the other part. WITNESSETH that the said Charles and Mary Alder for the receipt thereof they do hereby acknowledge, have given, granted, bargained, sold, released and conveyed and by these presents so give, grant, bargain, sell, release, convey and confirm unto the said James Riley, his heirs and assigns forever. all that tract or parcel of land situate and being in the county of Fayette and State of Ohio and bounded and described as follows to wit:

Beginning at four small black oaks corner to land owned by Jeremiah Hopkins, thence with said line, north 38°50' west 40 poles to a bur oak, thence north 45°30' east 68 poles to a small hickory, thence south 38°50' east 40 poles to a stake and leaning bur oak in the line of said tract, thence with said line 45°30' west 60 poles to the beginning. Containing 17 acres being part of survey #6452, paranted to William Robinson, April 11, 1815. To have and to hold the said tract of land with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging of in any wise appertaining unto the said James Riley his heirs and assigns forever and the said Charles and Mary Alder for themselves, their heirs, executor and administrators will well and truly warrant and forever defend the premises herein and hereby granted unto the said James Riley, his heirs and assigns, against the lawful claims and demands of all and every person whomsoever. In Testimony whereof the said Charles and Mary Alder have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written in the presence of

Stephen Ireland
Silas Ireland

Signed: Charles Alder
Mary Alder

Washington C.H.

East Fork Paint Creek

Rocky Run

Chillicothe Pike

Good Hope

6452

6117

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Washington C.H.

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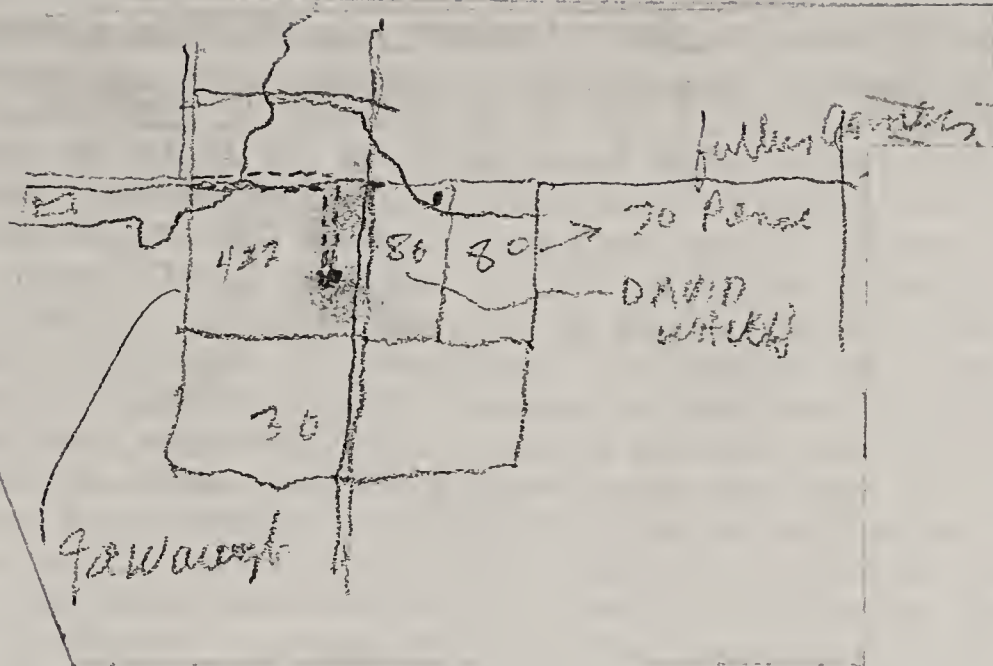
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Richard Archer

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North

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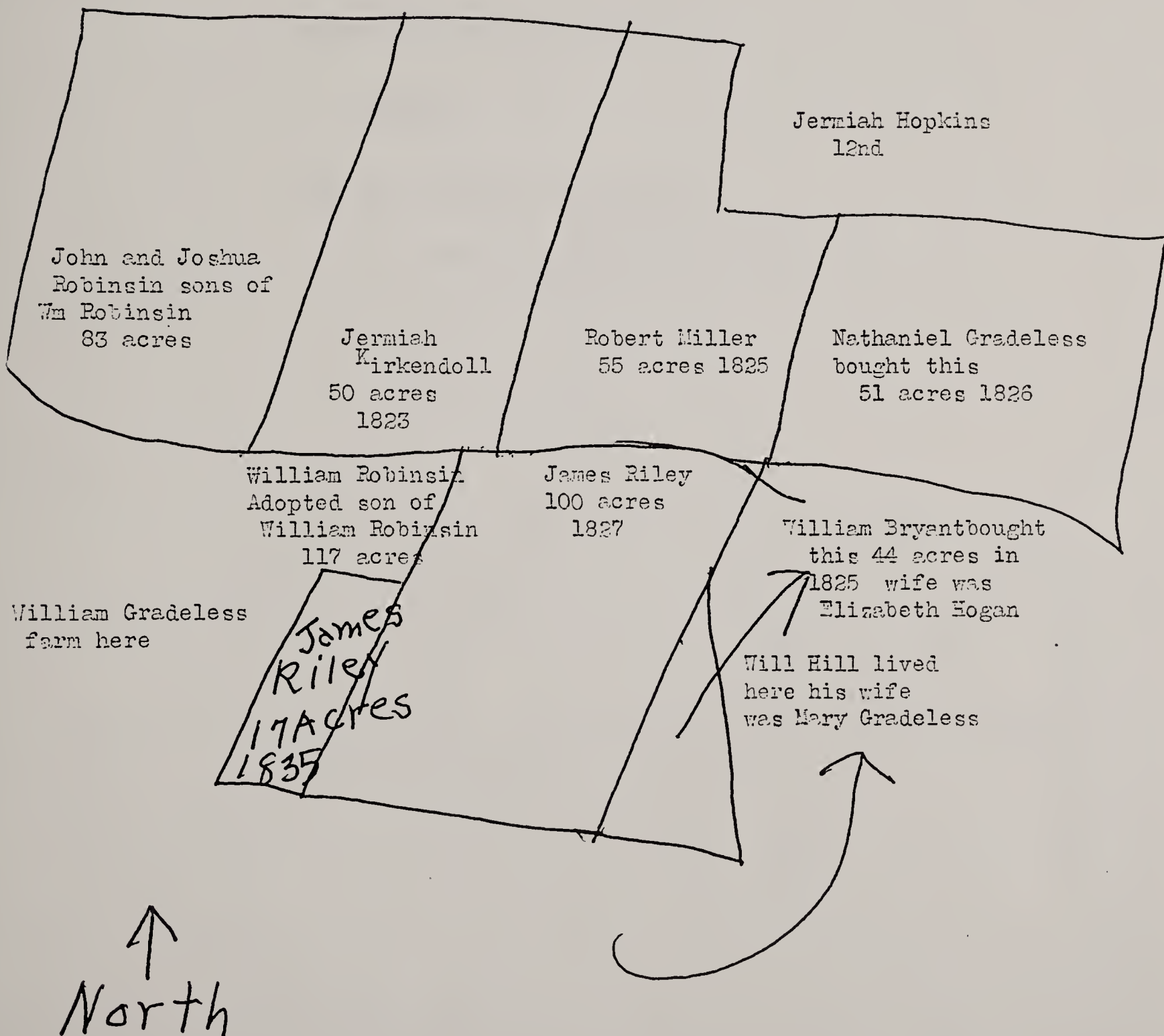
Wayne Township
Fayette County
Ohio



On the 12th of October in the year 1842, James Riley sold his farm of 117 acres; situated in the William Robinson survey numbered 6452; to his friend and neighbor, Jeremiah Hopkins; for the consideration of \$2300. Plans were formulated for moving to Indiana where so many of the old friends had already located. Nelson Compton was located in what is now Smith township, Whitley County, Indiana. William Gradeless was a few miles from Comptons, in what is now Lake Township, Allen county. William's two son-in-law had moved with him, Namely, Ablalom Hyer and Samuel Nickey, Nathaniel Gradeless was in what later became Thorncreek township. He was taking an active part in civil affairs and became the first commissioner of District #2. On his farm, Blue River cemetery was platted. The land is yet in the Gradeless name. Richard Baughan had entered a large tract and had located a mill on the bank of Blue River about where E.A. Barney's barn now stands. The Baughans were from Fayette county, Ohio. and returned there after selling the last of his land to the Barneys.

The journey to Indiana from Ohio was made in wagons drawn by oxen and over a road which in places they made for themselves, by clearing away the brush. James Riley had with him sons, daughters, sons-in-law and even grandchildren. A pause was made in Smith township, Whitley county before a farm of 240 acres was bought in Thorncreek. This tract had a house on it and that house was probably the one in which the Grimes family lived before going to LaFayette, Indiana. The location was across the road and slightly northwest of what is now called the "Hornor House" Two apple trees marked the site for many years after the house was removed. The highway divided the farm into two parts of 120 acres each. The distance from the west to the east side of the tract was 3/4 of a mile. A new log house was erected by James Riley on the south side of the road and about 20 rods from the west boundary line, while Jesse and Rebecca Grimes kept the original house for their home. In Indiana as in Ohio, James Riley continued as a Class Leader in the Methodist Church. He was Uncle Jim Riley to all. One June day in 1860 he passed away. He was buried in Blue River cemetery. The funeral sermon was not delivered until Sunday, July 1 and was given at the camp ground, located on the south bank of Blue River, directly south of the present church site.

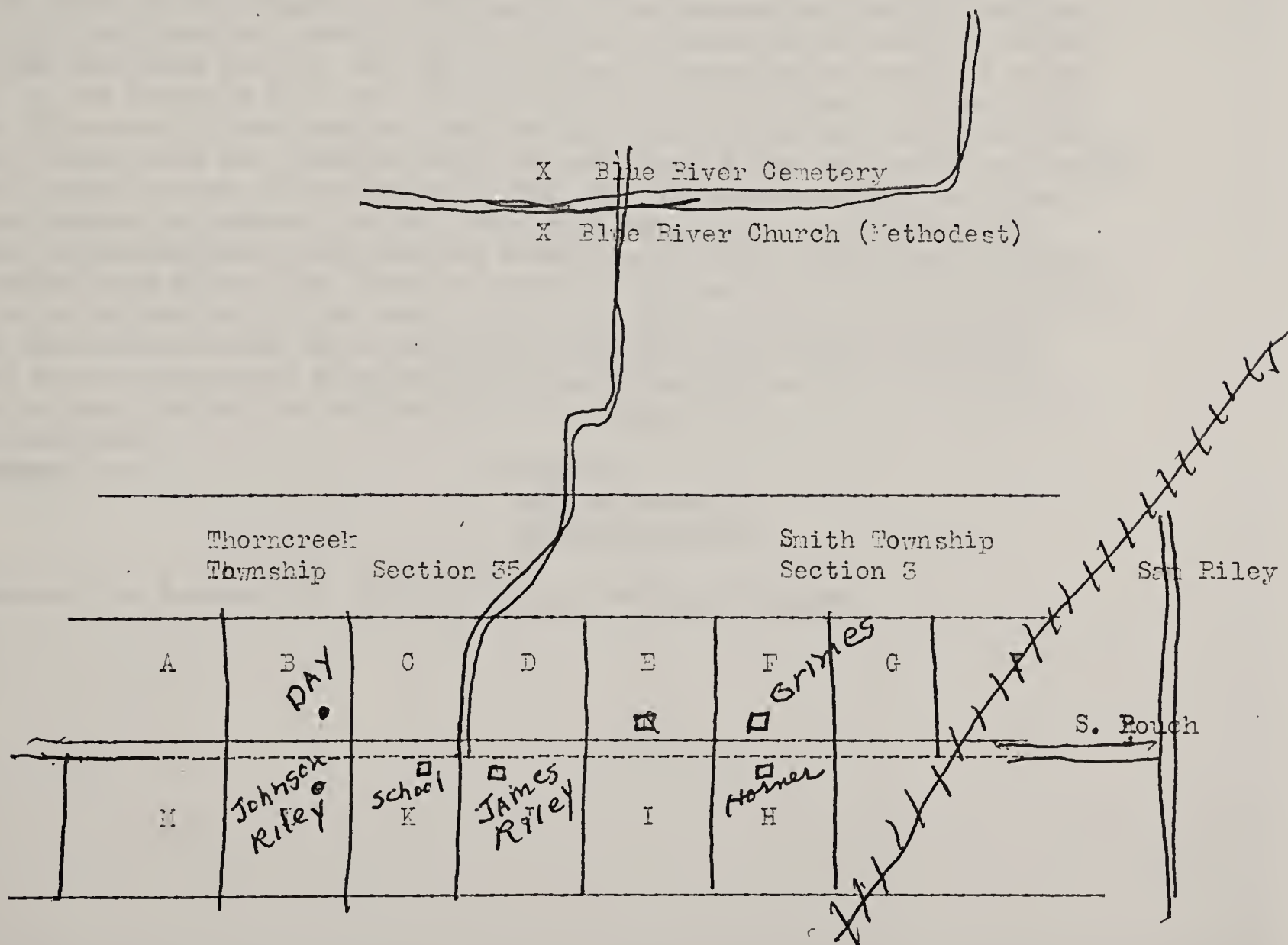
Some Farms on the William Robinsin Survey #6452
Fayette County Wayne Township Ohio



INDIANA

The original purchases made by James Riley after moving to Indiana, totaled 300 acres and comprised the tracts marked DEFGHI. He sold D, J and the west half of G to his son Johnson Riley; Tract B to Angeline Riley Day and H to Francis King. Since later the extreme northeast corner of H was decided to Francis King, which contained only one and onehalf acres; it is assumed that the rest was turned back the the former owner.

One hundred acres was in his mane at the time of his death. This was made up of tracts E, I and the east half of G. Johnson Riley bought them of the heirs by paying \$100 each to Philip and James Durflinger; \$150 to Jesse and Rebecca Grimes and \$150 to Angeline Day. The reference of a settlement with James C Riley was not noted.



Warranty Deed Whitley County Indiana

October 10, 1843

William Gradeless to James Riley

This indenture made this tenth day of October in the year of Our Lord, 1843 between William Gradeless and Rebecca gradeless his wife of the County of Allen and state of Indiana of the first part and James Riley of the County of Whitley and the state of Indiana aforesaid of the second part. Witness that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of \$800 lawful money of the United States to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said party of the first part, hath grantes, bargained and sold and by these presents both grant, bargain and sell unto the said party of the second part and his assigns forever all the tract of parcels of land known and described as follows to wit:

The SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the E half of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 36 township 32, north of range 9, east in the district of lands, subject to sale at Fort Wayne, Indiana, containing 240 acres of land more or less. To have and to hold the above described premises hereby sold and conveyed unto the said James Riley, his heirs and assigns forever, together with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, to his own proper use, benefit and behoof. And the said William Gradeless and Rebecca Gradeless his wife, heirs, appurtenances to the said James Riley, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns against the claim of claims of all and every person, will warrant and forever defend.

In testimony whereof the said William Gradeless and Rebecca Gradeless, his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written, signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Jacob A VanHouton

John Sumney

Signed:

William Gradeless

Rebecca Gradeless

Recorded on Janurary 17, 1844 by Richard Collins, Recorder.

Real Estate Transactions Continued

Samuel Nickey and Elizabeth Nickey, his wife, by deed dated December 20 1844, for the sum of \$150 sold to James Riley the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 35, Township 32 north of Range 9, east, containing 40 acres.

Witness:

Talcot Perry

Elizabeth Perry

Signed:

Samuel Nickey

Elizabeth (X) Nickey

By deed dated September 11, 1850, James Riley sold the 40 acres described above, to Boston Day for \$150.

Wit:

A.H.Carter

Signed:

James Riley

By deed dated December 10, 1853 Zachariah and Ann Garrison sold the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 31, Township 32, Range 10 East, containing 40 acres for the sum of \$292.

Wit:

Signed

Zachariah Garrison

Ann Garrison

By deed dated Nov. 21, 1854 James Riley sold the tract described above to Elijah D. Gunsaulus for \$500.

Wit: Asa H. Carter, J.P.

Signed

James Riley

By deed dated March 20, 1856, I. D. Gunsaulus sold the above tract back to James Riley for \$500. He was a resident of Richland County, Ohio

Witt: JCBodley, JP Signed James Riley

By deed dated Jan. 28, 1851, James Riley sold the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, Township 32, Range 9, East, containing 38 acres more or less, for \$350, to John S. Beach.

Wit:

Thomas Hughes, J.P.

Johnson Riley

Signed

James Riley

James Riley sold to Francis King, of September 13, 1850 for the sum of \$450, the SE $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, Township 32, Range 9 east in the District of Lands.

James Riley to Francis King on Feb. 28, 1852, for \$50, the S part of the NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 36, Township 32, Range 9 east. The description locates this plot, of one and one-half acres, in the very northeast corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$. It was a plot 1 rods wide and 30 rods deep. The east line of 30 rods was the Smith township boundary while the north line of 8 rods was formed by the road. In 1875 there was a mill located on that corner.

James Riley to Johnson Riley on March 18, 1850, the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 36 Town. 32, Range 9 East for \$144. This contained 80 acres. It was the home site, forty acres were south of the road and the other 40 north of the road where the Millers later located their buildings, and being 40 acres previously sold to John Beach.

James Riley to his son Johnson Riley, 20 acres for \$500 which was the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 31., Township 32, Range 10 East. This was Smith Township and the 20 acres was bounded on the west side by the Pumphrey land, and on the south by the main road.

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Without making a thorough search it would seem that at the time of his death James Riley had 100 acres of land in his name, 20 acres of it being in Smith township. This 20 acres consisted of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 31 belonging to the tract of which Johnson had bought the W $\frac{1}{2}$. The 80 acres consisted of 40 on each side of the road being what Miller's later called the dairy farm. Johnson Riley bought this land of the estate by quit claim deeds from the heirs. He paid Phillip and James Durflinger \$100 each and \$150 to Jesse and Rebecca Grimes. The amount paid to Angeline Day was not noted.

James Riley sold to Francis King, on September 13, 1850 for the sum of
\$450. the sum of Section

Obituary Published
in the
Western Christian Advocate
issued on
August 15 1860

"Mr James Riley, June, 22, 1860, at the residence of his son in Whitley County, Indiana. James Riley aged 72 years six months, was born in Prince William County, Virginia. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1809 and lived in the joys of experimental religion for 51 years. He served the Church forty years in the office of Class Leader; much of that time he lived in the state of Ohio. It is said by those acquainted with his service that he was a very good leader. He died as he had lived trusting in Jesus.

Signed H.J.Lacey."*

* H.J.Lacey preached the funeral sermon.

The burial in Blue River cemetery was the first grave made in a plot selected some years before. From his farm Nathaniel Gradeless had given the site to be used as a burial ground, so a group met to select their plots. The Riley lot was centrally located and of generous size. It is known that among those present were Nathaniel Gradeless, Joseph Waugh, Hoseph Pence, Johnson Riley and Martin D. Gradelees Garrison. He it was who said, "Let's run them all together, by Gum" which was done.

Letter Written by Johnson Riley
to
Jesse and Rebecca Grimes

June 25, 1860

Dear Brother and Sister:

We are well but O Sister my heart is pained. Father, O my Father, Rebecca, is dead and may God give you grace to stand the Shock. This Rebecca is the greatest event in the history of my life. You know that I have been associated with him all my life. I can't rite you much at this time I would say to you that we done all we could, with medical aid and kind care day and night but his work on earth was done. His disease was in the lower part of the bowels and kidneys. His suffering was great at times but as he lived so he died with a perfect resignation to the will of that God whom he had served for Fifty years. O what composure of mind he fell asleep in Jesus and when he was near the Jordan of Death he called us around his bed and told us to live holy and meet him in heaven. O sister it was heart rending to stand by the bed of a dying Father. Mary asked him what he had to tell Rebecca and Jesse, "You may tell them to serve the Lord and come to heaven." He murred not at his suffering but expressed a desire to depart and be at rest. The friends and neighbors were Very kind to render him all the comfort possible and particular, Joseph Waugh. When asked in regard to his prospects of Heaven he replied, "O Charley don't give yourself any fears in regard to that, it is all well." In Father's death I have suffered an unrepairable loss, He was taken sick the twelfth of June at about half after twelve o'clock and died the 22nd at about half after twelve o'clock making ten days in all. He is buried at Blue River Church. His funeral will be preached at the camp ground next Sunday at three o'clock. Father was 72 years last Jan. I want you to write to us as soon as you get this. There are a great many things I would like to write. I may write to you again in a few days but for the present I must close. Boston is sick with some disease he had when you were up here.

No more at present I remain yours till death.

Johnson Riley
Maryan Riley

Write to me soon.

Rebedda Riley
1820-1899

Rebecca Riley, daughter of James and Nancy(Hogan) Riley; was born in Fayette County, Ohio, September 14, 1820 and died in Tippecanoe, County, Indiana May 9, 1899. Her marriage to Jesse Grimes took place in Ohio where a license had been granted to them in Fayette County. The marriage was on Tuesday, February 9, 1841 and Rev. John Collins of the Methodist Episcopal Church; who later became a Presiding Elder; performed the ceremony. Jesse Grimes was born August 2, 1817, son of Felix and Susanna Bryant Grimes; Died in Tippecanoe County, Indiana on November 9, 1888. Jesse and Rebecca removed from Ohio to Whitley county, Indiana in 1843 where they located on 40 acres situated in Section 36 of Thorncreek township. In 1847 they went to the vicinity of Clarkshill, Indiana then in 1849 moved upon a rented farm in Montgomery County. In 1854 they returned to Tippecanoe County where land was purchased in Dauramie township and a home established. From time to time additional acres were added until their farm contained 1000 acres. Jesse Grimes belonged to the Republican party and both, he and his wife, were Methodists. They were parents of seven children:

Johnson Grimes, 1841-1876
Sylvester Wesley Grimes 1843-1863
Simeon Grimes 1845-1919
James Riley Grimes 1847- 1933
Mary Jane Grimes 1849- 1850
Lawson Core Grimes 1851- 1924
William Franklin Grimes 1854- 1929

Inscriptions from stone in Union Cemetery.

Jesse Grimes	Rebecca R. Grimes
born	born
Aug. 2, 1817	Sept. 14, 1820
Died	
Nov. 9 1888	Died
	May 9, 1899
Aged	
71 yrs 3 mo 7da	Aged
	78 yrs 7 mo 25da
FATHER	MOTHER
Born in Ross Co. O.	Born in Fayette Co. O.

OBITUARY

Published in Tippecanoe County, Indiana

Mrs Rebecca Grimes, widow of the late Jesse Grimes, one of the prominent farmers of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, died at her home Tuesday morning, May 9, 1899 from the infirmities incident to old age.

Mrs Grimes whose maiden name was Rebecca Riley, was a daughter of James and Nancy Riley and was born in Fayette County, Ohio, September 14, 1820. At the time of her death she was 78 years 7 months and 2 days of age.

On February 9, 1841 she married Jesse Grimes and to this union seven children were born, six sons and one daughter. Four survive, Simeon, James Riley, Lawson C. and William Franklin.

They emigrated from Ohio to Whitley County, Indiana and later to Lauramie township, Tippecanoe County where they resided and acquired a fine estate.

Mrs Grimes was a lifetime consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church holding her membership in this locality first at Union, then at Chizum's and last at Kirkpatrick.

The funeral services were held at the late residence, Rev. J.M. Stafford of Shawnee Mound, a former pastor assisted by Rev. JJ Claypool officiating. The interment was at the old Union Cemetery.

"A good woman has gone to her reward
Peace to her ashes."

A/ Johnson Grimes was born December 5, 1841 in Fayette County Ohio; died May 25, 1876; was buried in Union cemetery. For many years he had suffered from asthma and had gone west at one time in search of health.

Johnson
son of
Jesse and Rebecca Grimes
died May 25, 1876
Aged
35 years 5 mo 2 da

Go home dear friends
Dry up your tears
And I will lay here
Until the Saviour appears.

B/ Sylvester Wesley Grimes was born September 26, 1843; and died at Lebanon Kentucky on January 22 1863. He was at the time of death a private in Co. I, 86th I.V.I. but had contracted Typhoid fever and was at Lebanon where his mother went to nurse him. She remained there to the end and returned to Indiana with his body.

Sylvester W. Grimes
died
Jan. 22, 1863
Aged
19 yrs. 5mo. 26da.

Through days and weeks of suffering
He ne'er was heard complain
Or murmur at his bitter lot
The fever scorched his brain.
He was not alone the far from home
For the soldier's God was there.
He listens to the soldier's moan
And answers the soldiers prayer.

Union Cemetery

C./ Simeon Grimes was born in Thorncreek Township, Whitley County, Indiana on March 2, 1845 and died in LaFayette, Indiana on July 12, 1919. An account published in a Tippecanoe County paper follows:

"Simeon Grimes one of the best known and highly respected citizens of this community, died at 11:00 o'clock Monday morning at the Home Hospital in LaFayette, Indiana, following a lingering illness. He had been a patient at the hospital for the past two months and his death was due to a complication of diseases.

Mr Grimes was extensively engaged in farming for many years in Tippecanoe and Montgomery Counties near Kirkpatrick, altho he retired from active farming about twenty five years ago.

Mr Grimes, son of Jesse and Rebecca (Riley) Grimes was born March 2, 1845 south of Clarkshill, Indiana. The greater part of his life was spent in that vicinity. He was one of the organizers of the Farmer's Bank of Clarkshill and was a director of that institution at the time of his death.

He was one of the largest land-owners in Lauramie township. The deceased was a man of sterling character and the news of his death came as a shock to his many friends in Clarkshill and vicinity.

Mr Grimes was never married. He has three brothers William F., of LaFayette Indiana, Lawson and Riley of near Kirkpatrick. The remains were taken to the home of his brother Lawson, where the funeral was conducted. Interment was made in Union Cemetery."

D./ James Riley Grimes was born July 10, 1847 and died about 1933 at the old home in Lauramie township. He had inherited the home place which he shared with his brother Simeon. These two brothers both bachelors, lived there alone until Simeon's last illness. After the death of Simeon Margie Grimes, niece of Riley Grimes, managed his household for him. He took great pride in keeping the home as his mother had left it. At some period in the eighties Riley Grimes paid a visit to the old home farm of the Rileys in Ohio. His mother requested that he bring back to her some souvenir of the old home. He picked up a walnut, carried it back to Indiana where his mother planted it.

E./ Mary Jane Grimes was born April 15, 1849 and died October 29, 1850. Her grave stone in Union cemetery reads:

Mary J.
Dau. of
J. & R. Grimes
died
Oct. 30, 1850
Aged 1yr
6m 15d

Note: October 29, the birthdate as shown in the family Bible.

C/ Simeon Grimes was born in Thorncreek Township, Whitley County, Indiana
o on July 12,

F./ Lawson Core Grimes was born July 13, 1851; died June 24, 1924 and was burried in Union cemetery. When a young man he attended Battle Ground Collegiate Institute. On December 2, 1882, he married Anna Catherine Kessler, daughter of John and Margaret(Chizum) Kessler. Their children:

Clarence Hogan Grimes

Jesse Leo Grimes

Margared M. Grimes

- F1. Clarence Hogan Grimes was born April 1, 1884. In 1914 married Clars Vaugh Rice who is a descendant of Milo and Elizabeth (Kious)Vaugh. Clarence Grimes lives on the old farm in Lauramie township which is owned by Margie, his sister. His own farm is in the neighborhood. There were five children born to Clarence and Clara Grimes:

F1a. Helen Frances Grimes born Dec. 25, 1914

F1b. James Riley Grimes born Feb 21, 1917

F1c. Mary Jane Grimes born March 4, 1918; died August 23, 1921
burried in Union Cemetery.

F1d. Ruth Ellen Grimes born June 12, 1920; died August 16, 1921
burried in Union Cemetery

F1e. John Wesley Grimes born July 6, 1921.

- F2. Jesse Leo Grimes was born November 26, 1887; 1st sergent, 309 Supply train 85th Div. World War; married Mildred Coe Bryant, a great-granddaughter of Elizabeth Hogan Bryant and a great, great granddaughter of William and Mary Hogan of the last mentioned, Jesse Leo Grimes is a great great grandson.

F2a. Richard Dale Grimes born July 23, 1921

F2b. Margaret Jean Grimes born October 1 1923

F2c. Mary Jane Grimes born December 28, 1924

- F3. Margaret M. Grimes was born March 17, 1891; Oxford College; lives with her mother at Darlington, Indiana.

G./ Willian Franklin Grimes was born Feb. 6, 1854 in Montgomery County, Indiana and died at his home in LaFayette, Indiana on December 3, 1929 aged 75 years. He attended the Battleground Collegiate Institute when a young man. On the 24th of December 1891 he married Jennie McIntyre who was born August 22, 1860, daughter of FrankB. and Frances L.(Wright) McIntyre. They resided on their farm in southern Tippecanoe County, but moved to LaFayette and resided at 1215 Kossuth Street. They became the parents of four children , one dying in infancy. The following account was published in the LaFayette paper, the Journal and Courier" and with this heading:

William F. Grimes Dies Tuesday

"William Franklin Grimes, retired farmer and founder of the Clarkshill Bank, died at noon Tuesday, at the family home, 1215 Kossuth Street, after a long period of illness. He had been an invalid for eight years and a month and his last illness following a stroke was of five week's duration.

Mr Grimes who was 75 years old was born in Montgomery County, Indiana of February 6, 1854, but when he was a year old his parents moved to the Grimes homestead on the Tippecanoe-Montgomery County line, near Kirkpatrick where he continued to reside up to the time he and his family moved to LaFayette in 1910.

In 1895 he was married to Miss Jennie Frances McIntyre, daughter of Frank and Frances McIntyre, the ceremony taking place in LaFayette. Mr Grimes was a successful farmer and devoted his life to this work and to banking. He was for many years president of the bank he founded at Clark' Hill. He belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church. As a boy he attended the public schools and the old Battle Ground Collegiate Institute.

Besides the widow, he leaves two sons, Frank and Jesse, and a daughter Florence, all of LaFayette. He also leaves a brother, James Riley Grimes who lives on the old homestead."

Funeral services for William Grimes were held at the home at one o'clock, Thursday afternoon. Rev T.F. Williams, D.D. of Trinity Methodist Church officiated. The subject of the funeral oration was, "What is the Greatest Thing in Life" and the discourse was woven around the quotation, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches", and the phrase, "fought the good fight" Two hymns were sung without accompaniment, "Crossing the Bar" and "The Sweetest Refrain" The pall-bearers were Joseph Scanlon, Hiram Parker, John Bryant, Perry Davis, William Kirkpatrick, and Leo Grimes. Burial was in Union Cemetery.

G1 Florence Rebecca Grimes daughter of William F. and Jennie Grimes was born December 22, 1892. She attended Purdue University and has traveled extensively.

She resides with her mother in LaFayette, Indiana.

G2. Frank Hogan Grimes was born March 25, 1899 and died in 1935

His death was caused by diptheria

G3. Jesse Byron Grimes; graduate of Purdue University; on Feb 15, 1928 married Ruth Ann Wagner, daughter of Mrs Margaret Wagner; resides in LaFayette Indiana and is with an insurance firm. They have three children

A William Jesse Grimes born in 1930

B a daughter

C a son

Angeline Marshall Riley
1822-1897

Angeline M. Riley was born in Fayette County, Ohio about 1822 and died in Bourbon, Indiana about 1897. She was burried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in that city. She was married to Bastian Day on March 7, 1842 by Rev. Reuben Rowe of the ME Church. In 1845 when James Riley settled in Indiana, Smith township near Nelson Comptons. However in 1850, James Riley deeded to them the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section #35 in Thorncreek township. See plot marked "B" on the map. This land had been conveyed to James Riley by Samuel and Elizabeth Nickey, by deed dated December 20, 1844 and since that date has been continueßly in the family.

Upon a well selected spot in the southeast corner of the plot the Days erected a pretentious house of hewn logs, which boasted of a plastered bedroon downstairs and of a veranda with rail and balustread. Upstairs the roof was lined with this sawn poplar boards, eighteen to twentyfour inches in width. A well was soon provided but at first the family laundry was done at the river. a fine orchard was set out to the east and north and to the front a lawn and garden reached to the highway. Across the front was an ornamental picket fence with a gate in the center. A walk made of stones set in the turf, led from the house to the gate. The garden contained flowers, both annual and perennial, and rare flowering bulbs and shrubs. New settlers passing on their way to new homes in the wilderness, remarked that this home looked like paradise to them. Angeline Day was very fond of cultured society and made friends with the social leaders of the time. It is remembered that the Pierces of Smith township who had an estate after a pattern of the English gentry, made overnight visits with the Days.

On October 19, 1864 Bastian and Angeline Day sold their forty acres to John Johnson Riley and went to Kewanns, Indiana to reside. About this time they separated, Bastian went to some point near or in Chicago while Angeline continued to reside in Fulton County until 1875. She supported her household by sewing and weaving. Five children were born to the Days but two died in infancy. It is thought that these two were buried in Concord Cemetery, Martin and Rebecca died in Kewanna, Frank, the youngest was the onlu one left to move with his mother to Bourbon, Indiana.

On June 3, 1873, Angeline Day purchased of George Swank and wife, Lot #108 in Thayer's second addition to the town of Bourbon, for which she paid \$435. On November 15, 1892 she sold this property to her son for a consideration of \$350. Then on February 18, 1897 William Frandlin Day and wife, Mary sold lot #108 for \$300. Angeline Day died prior to this date.

1. Martin Day was born in Whitley County, Indiana on October 11 1846 and died in Kewanna, Indiana of February 24, 1866. He enlisted for service in the Civil War at Indianapolis, Indiana on March 20, 1864. He had been at the home of his parents in Whitley County prior to enlisting and left with Aaron Lilly, a lad of 20 who was at Johnson Riley's at that time. Martin was 17 years old. He was a member of Company G C, 17th Indiana Infantry, with which company he was mustered out at Macon, Georgia on August 8, 1865. He returned first to Whitley County, to his former home now occupied by Johnson Riley. Aaron Lilly was killed at Vickersburg. He was a son of Benjamin and Rosanna (Glover) Lilly and was said to be related to the Rileys. On February 24, 1866 Martin died of an ailment called "black tongue". He was buried at Kewanna.

Martin Day
died
Feb. 24, 1866
Aged
19yrs. 4ms 13da

Oh how happy are they
Who their Saviour obey
And have laid up their treasures above.
Tongue cannot express
The sweet comfort and peace
Of a soul in its earliest love.

2. Rebecca Day was born in Whitley County, Indiana on Nov. 7, 1849 and died at Kewanna, Indiana on April 18, 1869. She had the same dreaded ailment that caused the death of her brother, Martin, and was buried beside him. A single marble shaft marked their graves with inscriptions for both on it.

Rebecca Day
died
April 18, 1869
aged
19 y 5m 11d

Farewell dear mother
And only brother
From you a daughter
And a sister, Christ has called
Mourn not, tis in vain to call
Me to join your arms again.
The bloom of youth
With me has fled
The grave's become
My humble bed.
Then envy not
My calm abode
But trust my spirit
Rests with God.

The Letter which follows was written by Rebecca Day to her aunt Rebecca Grimes.

September 12

Mrs Grimes.

Dear Aunt, It is with the greatest of pleasure that I seat myself down to drop you a few lines to let you know that we are all well at present and hope when those few lines comes to hand, they may find you the same. Well aunt we are getting along very well so far since aunt Delila left. We heard from Uncle Johnson last week. Jather Smith has gone back to old Whitley to live his winter turnover. Well aunt I am working for one Dollar and a half. I still get letters from father and he sent me money. Tell jonty and the rest that I hant ferget them yet. We look for some of them up here this fall. Jessie Carter is down here teaching school this fall. Well aunt Rebecca here is one of poor brother's photographs. Dear aunt there are not many on this earth that know what it is to lose a kind brother or son. I feel almost as if I have nothing to live for in this world. Take good care of it. We have got one cow and one calf and 4 pigs. We have plenty to eat and wear but wouldn't have if we did not work. Mother sends her love to all and so do I.

Write ag-in soon and often.

From your true neice.

Rebecca Day.

3./ William Franklin Day was born in Whitley County, Indiana on October 11, 1851 and died in Chicago, Illinois on July 25, 1913; Burial at Bourbon, Indiana. Some years before his death he had had a stroke of paralysis but recovered partly and could get about with the aid of a cane. On September 9, 1879 he married Mary Jane Smith, daughter of David Smith. She was born August 26, 1863 and died of heart failure on July 29, 1915. W.F. Day before his marriage and after was engaged in buying packing and shipping butter, poultry and eggs from Bourbon, Indiana to Chicago. After 1897 he moved to Chicago, Ill. where he lived on Manistee avenue for many years. The children born to W.F. and Mary Day were;

- a. Loren Oscar Day was born March 22, 1881, in Bourbon, Indiana and died March, 27, 1904 aged 23 years.
- b. Clarence Edwin Day was born March 10, 1882 in Bourbon Indiana; married May 27, 1914 to Bertha Wolfe born November 18, 1892 at Garrett, Ind. They live at 9114 Branden Ave., South Chicago, Ill. Clarence is with the Pullman Company.
- c. Johnson Riley Day was born April 8, 1886 and died June 28, 1910 of heart failure in Chicago, Ill. Buried at Bourbin Indiana.

South Chicago
Feb. 5, 1907

Mr. Chas Riley
Columbia City, Ind.
Dear Cousin;

Your letter of Jan. 1 received and read with pleasure. We are all well at this writing. In regards th the picture we thank you for your complimentary remarks and your faverable ppinion of the boys and hope you may never have ocassion to think differently of them.

In regard to my friends in Whitley County I hope you are correct. As I never held and enmity against any of them and never did any of them any harm; although there were times when I thought you were all against me, I have never seen how I could have done better than I did do under the circumstances. There were a good many things said about me that were correct and a good many that were falsehoods but there is one thing certain I have a clear conscience.

When I realize that my father's family, with the ezception of myself is gone into eternity and I am practically aling, it is worth a good deal to know that I did my duty the best I knew how; and tohave a clear conscience. Seeing the old house that you spoke of, might in some respect be a pleasure but it would recall many sad events.

Well Charley I would like to see you, your wife and family. Sam and Lide and their family. I would surely enjoy a visit, with you all, but when that will be I am unable to say at present. We would be pleased to receive a picture of your family whenever it is possible to send it. We would be flad to receive a visit from all or any of you. While it may be they cannot come they can write. We suppose that a number of the young folks are married and gone to themselves. In thinking of you with a family of growing children it almost seems impossible. A little over a he_r ago I met old Henry Knight of Whitley County in Lincoln Park and had a few minutes very pleasant talk with him. He said that you were all well at that time. He also told me that Gertie Riley was married to Mr. Waugh. I hope that her married life will be a pleasant one. Tell Gust Lundblad I would enjoy a visit with him but I am not in the skunking business at present or onion business either. It has been quite cold here the last few days but it is warmer since last night and there has been about twelve inches of snow and is still snowing. You will see by the papers that there has been a great scarlet fever scare but there does not seem to be any in this part of the city. Doos Aunt Kate Pheister still live in Bourbon?
With Love and Best Wishes to all and hoping to hear from you soon I am
9258Manistee Ave. Yours truly W.F.Day.

Records from old Riley Bible
In the handwritting of Johnson Riley

Family Record

Bring up your children in the admonition of the Lord.

Births

Johnson Riley born October the 18th 1823
Maryan Smith born Feb. the 4th 1829
Lawson Riley born Aug. the 15th 1848
Sarah Jane Riley born Feb. the 6th 1850
Samuel Smith Riley born July 23rd 1851
Nancy Virginia Riley born May the 8th 1853
Catharin Arvila Riley born Feb the 16th 1855
William Franklin Riley born April the 9th 1858
Addie Maxy Riley born ~~August the 26th~~ March the 15th 1860
Charles Wesley Riley born August the 26th 1867

Jessie Faith Tawney born June 1, 1881
Bertha Alice Tawney born November 26th 1882

Deaths

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

Sarah Jane Riley died April the 27th 1850
William Franklin Riley died Feb the 11 1861
Lawson Riley died Feb. 14th 1864
Addie Riley Tawney died April 21, 1883
James Riley died June 22, 1860
James Core Riley died March 21, 1879
Jessie Faith Tawney died March 7, 1893.

Johnson Hogan Riley
1823-1901

Johnson Hogan Riley was born in Fayette County, Ohio on October 18, 1823 and died in Whitley County, Indiana on March 3, 1901. He was twenty years old when his father moved to Indiana and about twentyfour when on the 16th of September, 1847 he was united in marriage with Mary Ann Smith; born in Muskingum County, Ohio on February 4, 1829; died in Whitley County, Indiana on February 13, 1895. Rev. Zachariah Garrison, a neighbor to the Rileys performed the ceremony.

The Smiths had located in Indiana about 1830 and the parents of Mary Ann, Rev. Samuel and Mary(Ghering) Smith were at the date mentioned, in the vicinity of what is now Rossville, Indiana. After the death of Mary Ann's mother in 1838 Samuel Smith prepared himself for the ministry and was sent to the Edl River Mission in 1840. He is credited with the honor of being the founder of the Columbia City M.E.Church and others of that denomination in the county.

Prior to the year 1850 the Rileys attended church at Concord. Often going on foot to attend services there. Rev. Samuel Smith preached at that point which was a station on his circuit. Mary Ann Smith was a skillful spinner of yarn and weaver of cloth so James Riley asked her father if she could come to the Riley home to make cloth for the household. To this request the minister readily agreed but Mary Ann wept bitterly saying that she could not weave for such a homely old man. It was during the summer of 1847 that this weaving was done and the courtship of Johnson Riley began in earnest. Sometimes these two would stroll down to the Day home during the evenings of that summer where on one occasion they prepared a late supper for themselves in this manner. The fire was made up in the fireplace and a kettle of water hung on the crane to boil. Taking a milk pail they gathered fresh roasting ears on the site, where the Miller home was erected years later.

When Johnson Riley proposed to Mary Ann, he learned of another suitor awaiting an answer, who was no other than his boyhood friend, Martin Ireland. There must have been a period of indecision on Mary's part which seemed to have been terminated when Johnson went to town, purchased fifteen yards of white dotted swiss for one dollar and fifty cents and which he presented to her with the remark, "Now I guess you will marry me".

Prior to his marriage, Johnson Riley had made some journeys back to the old Ohio home and years later, accounts of these were woven into exciting tales, oft told to a circle of grandchildren on winter evenings. Once one occasion while traveling alone either to or from Ohio, night over-took him. He rode for some distance but came to no dwelling or tavern. Tying his horse, he prepared a bed under a tree with the saddle for a pillow and rested there until daylight even the wolves howled not far away. Later travels consisted mainly of visits to the homes of relatives in Delphos, Ohio and in LaFayette or Bourbon, Indiana with one remarkable journey to the centennial of Philadelphia in 1876. From this last mentioned city, he brought a thick, red-bound book, the text of which related to the exhibits there. The print was exceedingly fine and black and white sketches seemed dull.

Johnson Riley was slight of stature, his features regular and his eyes blue-grey. He stood straight as an arrow and was quite agile, being able when 76 years of age, to spring lightly into a saddle or jump into the air, clicking his heels together three times before alighting. He wore a short, full beard which became snowy white as did his hair which was luxuriant and beautiful. For the day, his summer attire seemed quite elegant and consisted of a tan flannel coat and best worn with dark trousers. The shirt was of white cambric with a detachable collar of stiff, linen finished paper. These last were bought in lots of one hundred at a time. His hat was of fine smooth straw, light brown in color. In the winter his suits were of some heavy dark stuff and the shirts of soft, dark-blue flannel. His cap was of black plush, cut high in the back with a general forward slope, terminating in the bill. The top was surmounted by a round plush button. He often wore this cap as he sat reading the daily paper, the Western Christian Advocate or the Bible, before a snapping wood fire in winter evenings. While so engaged he enjoyed having his hair brushed and arranged by some willing grandchild. Sometimes in the afternoons we braided and tied the braids which to our delight he sometimes wore, peeping every which way out from under his cap, as he attended to his few chickens or to "Old Doll/" the driving horse.

Mary Ann Riley was tall and possessed a substantial bone structure. Her skin was clear and fair, her hair brown with golden glints in it. She had laughing brown eyes. She was deeply religious and made her home a haven to any one in need of spiritual or physical care. She had considerable fame as a practical nurse whose skill was abetted by study of Dr. King's book of Medicine. She was called, as long as she was able to go to assist the doctor during the confinement cases in her neighborhood and Dr Lawrence once stated to me that he would rather have her aid at such a time than the assistance of another doctor. Her aptitude for nursing passed on to some of her descendants for three granddaughters and four great granddaughters are registered nurses, graduates of noted schools.

For three years following their marriage, Johnson and Mary Riley lived with James Riley after which they purchased of him the home with 80 acres of land, being plots marked "D" and "J" on the map. The deed for this was dated March 18, 1850. The consideration \$144. On November 3, 1856 they purchased 20 acres more of James Riley, paying \$500. This was the west half of plot "C". After the death of his father in 1860, Johnson Riley bought the shares of the heirs in the land yet in the name of James Riley. He made other deals in land in the neighborhood between 1860 and 1864. On April 6 of that year he sold his home and 157 acres to Peter Miller of Clark County, Ohio for the sum of \$4500. This was of regretted afterwards that he attempted to buy it back from the Millers who refused to ~~sell~~ consider an offer greatly exceeding the selling price.

Of William Riley he bought a farm on the banks of Blue Babe, but kept it a very short time, disposing of it to Franklin Shilts. Of Abraham Flory for \$6000 a farm of 160 acres was secured. This was about as near as he could get to the former home being the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section #25 in Thorncreek township. This land today may be located by the present owners. The farm of William Windle, part of the George Baron land and what later became the Bert Corbin home. The date of this deed was June 6, 1864. The wife and children moved there but Johnson Riley did not. He must have visited his sister Angeline for she was finally persuaded to sell her farm of 40 acres to him. This deed was dated October 19, 1864. The consideration was not noted but the indenture was signed by Bastian and Angeline Day. This was plot "C" to which on May 14, 1866 one hundred and twenty acres were added, see plots marked "S", "K", "L". The former owners were Alfred and Evelina Crecraft of Butler County, Ohio, the consideration was the sum of 1800 dollars.

One interesting transaction made by Johnson Riley was the lease of a plot, seven rods by nine rods, situated in the extreme northwest corner of plot "D" to be used for a public school site. When no longer used for a school it was to revert to the former owner. The consideration was one dollar. This was abandoned by the trustees of Thorncreek township and by the terms of the lease the building was removed. Joseph Waugh bought it, moving it across the road and back to his farmyard where it yet stands. Another lease was made to the township to a half acre near the northeast corner of plot "K" there a school designated as District #7 was built about 1887. The lease to the first site mentioned, bore date of March 8, 1854. Catherine Riley Clark has mentioned that she went to school there so did her brothers, Lawson and Samuel. She however, when in school, suffered so much from home sickness accompanied by tears, that one brother or other, usually had to take her home.

The lease to the other school site was terminated about the year 1900, when a new state law made a deed necessary. For the sum of one dollar, Johnson Riley deeded to the township one half acre of ground where the school was situated. When this school was abandoned, the land and building were sold to Blanche Harshbarger at public auction for \$450.

For a period of ten years Johnson and Mary Ann Riley dwelt in the log house built by the Days. One child, their last, was born in it. After much consultation and consideration a name for this child was chosen from the Christian Advocate. He was called Charles Wesley Riley.

The new home was built across the road from the old. It stood in spacious grounds, well back from the highway. Many fine forest trees were in the yard but these were supplanted with some nursery grown specimens of evergreen. Everyone of the older cousins will recall the althea by the front porch, the acacia bush under the tall evergreens to the front, the dwarf duetnia by "granny's porch" the monthly rose by the north garden fence where in the same row were George Washington's Plum and flowering almond. There also were grandmother's two bulb beds, Pyacinths and narcissus besides a clump of live-fore-ever for poultices. Mandeville Quick Carter directed the building of the new house. It contained six main rooms, three wardrobes, one large pantry and an upstairs hall. Porches were across the entire front and one in the back, indented in the house proper, was extended to join a large summer kitchen etc. Other buildings to the back were the milk-house the smoke house, the drying shed, chicken house and large combination wood, corn and carriage shed. The shingles for this last were hand made by James C. Riley. It was a hospitable home of which I write, where neighbors, friends, relatives and the homeless were ever welcome. It was the scene of five births, five deaths and six funerals during the thirty years of its existence. It burned on July 10, 1905. The fire, started by sparks from a kitchen chimney raged for three hours. It was a sad day for each and every one of the Rileys.

On August 4, 1891, for a consideration of \$3200 Johnson Riley sold to his son, Charles W. Riley the north half of his farm. This tract of 80 acres is designated by plots "B" and "C" on the map. Some extra rooms were built which joined the summer kitchen and into that part Charles moved from a farm lately sold to his sister, Catherine Clark; and farmed his father's acreage along with his own.

For five years after the death of Mary Smith Riley the household was managed by two granddaughters, Alice Tawney and Josephine Harshberger; but after that period the family of Charles Riley had quarters in his house. Johnson's quarters had been in the

period the family of Charles Riley had outgrown its quarters and as a tenant Charles moved into his father's house. Johnson retained his bed-sitting room and sat at the head of his son's table where he said grace before each meal.

Grandpa's room was a favorite rendezvous for the entire family and visitors as well. It was furnished with a bed, a daybed, a round oak wood stove and wood-box, a polished center table, rocking chairs and the Mary Hogan Walter's bureau. A small bookcase made by Rev. Samuel Smith sat on the bureau top. This case had a door set with four panels of glass and in it were two rows of books. The books consisted of the James Riley Family Bible, bought in 1842 in Ohio, the volume from the Philadelphia Centennial, a McGuffey's Sixth Reader, some leather bound hymn books and others. The walls were covered with a pleasing red paper and the floor with a hand-woven rag carpet. It pleases me to enumerate the contents of the top bureau-drawer. A small bag of ticking contained a square of blue-black broadcloth with the initial "N" worked on it in gold. It was a bit of the pocket from Nancy Hogan Riley's riding habit; the exquisite embroidery was her handiwork. The other treasure was a double fold of yellowed linen encrusted with rare embroidery stitches. This was said to be a pocket from the wedding dress of Mary, daughter of Lord Cunningham. The cloth had been made by her as well as the needle work. There was a wooden box with a hinged lid in which were kind of whiting paper were there also a leather pocket book with money in it. This was not carried except when away from the farm. In a corner were a package of candied figs and a box of Stewart's Dyspepsia tablets. There were other articles but these things riveted most of my attention.

In this room the last days of Johnson Riley were lived. He was bedfast for a few weeks in January and February of 1901, suffering from a heart ailment. He was attended by his doctor friend S.G. Linville to the last. This good doctor remained by his bedside all night of March 2nd, and to him the last request was, "Let me go easy, Doctor". At seven o'clock on the morning of March 3rd the end came. It was a warm spring day when ragged, swiftly moving clouds raced across a blue sky.

The funeral service was in charge of Rev. Charles Tinkham assisted by Rev. Vigus of the Columbia City Methodist Church. Rev. Tinkham was the son of old family friends while Rev. Vigus was grandfather's pastor. At this date 1937 the descendants of Johnson and Mary Riley total 59; there have been 8 children, 19 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and 10 great great grandchildren. Of these living are 1 child, 15 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and 9 in the last classification, totaling 45.

Obituary From the Columbia City Post, March 1901

DEATH OF JOHNSON RILEY

Johnson Riley who for about 59 years has been a resident of Thorncreek township, died at the residence of his son Charles, Sunday morning at seven o'clock, after a lingering illness, due to general impairment of a number of vital organs.

The deceased was born in Fayette County, Ohio on October 18, 1823 and at his death was 77 years, 4 months and 15 days of age. He was united in marriage in early days to Mary Ann Smith who died in February 1895. In 1842 Mr Riley came to Whitley County and located in Thorncreek township near where he died. Four children survive him, being Mrs. Milo Harshbarger, Mrs. Charles Clark, Samuel, and Charles Riley all of whom have families.

Mr Riley was a member of the Methodist Church, with which organization he united many years ago. He was an industrious, well-to-do farmer and one of the most honorable and upright citizens in the county. He was highly esteemed and

and respected by all who knew him. His funeral took place Tuesday at Blue River Church. The procession leaving the home at 11:00 A.M. Rev. Tinkham assisted by Rev. Vigus officiating.

Note: the pall-bears were the sons, Charles and Samuel Riley; the sons-in-law Milo Harshbarger, and Charles Clark; a grandson, Homer Riley and a nephew, Samuel Asa Smith. Two of the songs sung at the service were "Near My God To Thee" and "Rock Of Ages" A nephew, William Grimes came from LaFayette, Indiana to attend this service.

From the Commercial Mail, Published in Columbia City.

J . Riley honorable and upright citizen in the county. He was highly respected by all who knew him. His funeral took place Tues. at Blue River church the procession leaving the house at 11:00AM Rev T inkham assisted by Rev. Vigus officiating. Internment was made in Blue River Cemetery.

WESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

Published May 15, 1901.

Riley--Johnson Riley was born in Fayette County, Ohio, October 18, 1823 and died in Whitley County, Indiana, March 3, 1901, aged 77 years. He emigrated to Indiana in the early forties and settled upon the farm upon which he died, September 18, 1847 he was married to Mary A. Smith, a daughter of Rev. Samuel Smith, one of the pioneer preachers of Northern Indiana. His wife died some years ago. He united with the Blue River Methodist Episcopal Church in 1851 and lived true to the faith just fifty years. He was a friend of the needy, charitable to the weak and true to his church. His funeral was held from the Blue River Church March 5th. C. T.

Note: the signature of that of Charles Tinkham.

OBITUARY

From a paper published at Columbia City, Indiana

Mary Ann Riley was born in Muskingum County, Ohio on February 4, 1829 died at her home three miles northeast of Columbia City February 13, 1895 aged 66 years, 9 days. She was the daughter of Samuel and Mary Smith. Her father was the first Methodist minister of this and adjoining counties. She was married to Johnson Riley, September 16, 1847. To this union were born eight children. Four of whom survive her, two sons and two daughters, who with the bereft husband, one brother and two sisters, and many other relatives greatly mourn her departure. She was a mother and friend to all in need, none ever went away from her door unaided who called upon her for assistance. Those who knew her best loved her best. She united with the Methodist Church about the year 1850 of which she was a devoted and consistent member. She had not been in attendant at church services for a number of years on account of her affliction but she exercised her christian influence in her home to all about her. She was a great sufferer for about six years and was very patient through all her suffering.

Often on her sick bed she would break out in songs of praise and exclaim. " Go tell it to everyone". She died happy in Triumphs of living faith, saying, "I am going home".

Rest, mother, rest; Earth's toils for thee are over.
Naught but joy dows await thee
On that bright celestial shore.
Rest, mother, rest thy days on earth are done,
The victory for thee is won.

Lawson Riley
1848-1864

Lawson Riley was born in Whitley county, Indiana on August 15, 1848 and died February 14, 1864 aged about 15 and a half years. Burial was in Blue River cemetery and was the third grave made in the family plot there. The first was that of James Riley, Sr.

From two gentlemen who were boys of the neighborhood in 1864 and from an old letter, a few interesting details of the last illness and death of Lawson were obtained. E.A. Barney stated that on a certain Saturday afternoon, Lawson, Johnson Grimes, a cousin and others were playing and climbing over the shell of Baughan's old house which was near the river, just northwest of where Barney's barn now stands. Lawson fell and received injuries which the Barney's believed brought about his death. In the family it was told that he had pneumonia. Emmanuel Harshbarger called upon the sick lad who said "I am very sick, I spat blood this morning". The old letter will be given in full at the close of this account.

To his mother, the loss of this son brought unbearable grief. For weeks following, lost in sorrow she roamed about the home and grounds and this may have been the undelaying reason why, the farm was sold to Peter Miller just seven weeks after Lawson's burial.

Feb. the 10, 1864

Dear brother

I take my pen in hand to inform you that I am well and all the rest of the folks but Lawson. He took sick last Sunday and sent for the doctor on Monday and he thinks that he will have a pretty hard spell of it. He seems to rest a little easier to night that he did today. It is twelve o'clock they have all gone to bed but Mart, and Sam and I. I received your letter and was glad to hear from you. I wrote you a letter to be at Stockwell a Friday that I be there but I have concluded to stay until Lawson gets better. I want you to be at Stockwell next Saturday a long with me if Lawson gets so he can leave. No more but remain yours, from Johnson L Grimes to Simeon Grimes.

Explanation:

Mart was Martin Day Sam was Samuel Riley

Letter written on Thursday and Lawson died the following Monday.

He was ill nine days.

Sarah Jane Riley
1850-1850

Sarah Jane Riley was the second child and the first daughter born to Johnson and Mary Ann Riley of February 6th 1850. On Saturday, April 27, 1850 she died, being not quite three months old. Burial was in Concord cemetery. To mark this tiny grave an evergreen tree was planted by her mother which is now of forest size and over eighty years old. There is also a marble bombstone, that was purchased and kept up stairs in the log house of the parents for some time before it was erected. Little Sally was named after Sarah Riley Durflinger.

Samuel Smith Riley
1851- 1920

Samuel Smith Riley was born on Wednesday, July 23, 1851 in Whitley County, Indiana and died Tuesday, April 13, 1920 at his farm home in Smith township of the same county. He was named in honor of Rev. Samuel Smith, his grandfather. On Sunday, October 5, 1873 he was married by Rev. Orlando Wells to Miss Anna Elizabeth Pumphory, whose parents Resin and Anna (Hivley) Pumphrey were early settlers in the County. Resin Pumphrey died while a soldier in the Civil War but his widow lived near the Rileys and there this wedding took place. Samuel Riley went to house-keeping in the Day house on his father's farm where a daughter Belle was born in 1875. Later they bought a farm of sixty acres in the north west corner of Union township. Timber was cut and sawed for a comfortable house and a barn of good size and into these their belongings were moved from the buildings originally on that farm. The barn was raised on April 22, 1885. This farm was sold about 1889 to Charles W. Riley and Samuel purchased of Wades in Smith township, the farm upon which he died. A few weeks before his death Samuel Riley bought the old Washburn property on East Market street in Columbia City and planned to move there following a public sale of his stock and farming implements. Stricken with paralysis he passed away before this came about. The seven children born of this union namely:

- Sylvia Belle Riley born Sept 14-1875 died Dec 1929
- Walter Homer Riley born October 29, 1880
- Carl Smith Riley born Feb. 1 1883- Nov. 29, 1883
- ~~Frank-Lester~~ Riley born December 6, 1885
- Mary Gertrude Riley born May 25, 1878
- James Wesley Riley born January 21, 1888
- Ernest Johnson Riley born October 18, 1892

Press Clippings from the Columbia City Post

Feb. 25, 1920

Sam Riley who resides six miles east of this city along the Panhandle Railway, is going to have a public sale on the 25th and as he is going to retire from the farm will dispose of all his property.

April 10, 1920

Sam Riley, well known farmer residing northeast of this city in Smith township, suffered another stroke of paralysis at his home Saturday and his condition is very critical. He has been suffering from the effects of previous strokes for some time. Sr. B.P. /Linville of this city is the attending physician

SAMUEL S. RILEY PASSES AWAY

April 12, 1920

Samuel Smith Riley, well known resident of Smith township, passed away Tuesday at twelve o'clock noon at his home a mile west of Collins, after having suffered a stroke of paralysis ten weeks ago, being stricken several times since. The last stroke occurring Saturday evening when he became unconscious, remaining so until the end. His age was 68 years, 8 months and 29 days.

The decedent was born in Thorncreek Township, July 23, 1851 to the late Johnson and Mary (Smith) Riley but he had resided most of his life in Smith township. He was one of eight children, all of whom have passed away, save Mrs. Charles Clark of Union Township. A brother Charles Riley of Thorncreek Township passed away last June.

Mr. Riley was wedded, October 5th 1875 to Miss Eliza Ann Pumphrey who survives. Seven children were born, a son Carl S. dying in infancy. The surviving children are Mrs. Clyde Groesbeck and James Riley of Thorncreek Township, Mrs. Harvey Waugh of Noble County, Homer Riley of Smith Township, Frank L. Riley of Winslow Arizona and Ernest at home.

The decedent was long a member of the Blue River M.E. Church where the funeral will occur at a date to be announced later. The decedent had purchased a home in this city and intended moving here soon to lead a retired life.

April 16, 1920

The funeral of Samuel Riley will be held Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Blue River M.E. Church, Rev. Charles Tinkham of Decatur, conducting the services. Burial will be in Blue River Cemetery.

SMITH TOWNSHIP FARMER IS DEAD

SSamuel Riley one of the best known and most successful farmers in Smith Township, passed away at his home, one mile west of Collins Tuesday at 12:00. He was first taken sick about ten weeks ago when he had a slight stroke of paralyse and this was followed by several recurrent strokes which alternately affected both sides, and last Sunday he sustained a severe stroke which rendered him unconscious and he remained in that condition until the hour named, when he passed into the sleep of death.

The deceased was born in Thorncreek township, July 23, 1851, to Johnson and Mary Smith Riley and at the time of his death was 68 years, 8 months and 20 days old. He had been in rather poor health for sometime past and had made arrangements to move to this city in the spring, having purchased the Clapham residence on East Market Street, believing that his health would improve away from the farm, but he failed to improve and his plans were in vain. He was one of eitht children, all of whom have passed away except Mrs Charles Clark of Union Township.

The deceased was united in marriage to Elizabeth Pumphrey October 5, 1975 and to them seven children were born, six of them, with their mother, survives, namely, Mrs Clyde Gruesbeck and James W. Riley of Thorncreek Township; Mrs Harvey Waugh of Noble County; Homer of Smith Township, Frank of Winslow, Arizona and Ernest J. at home.

Mr. Riley was a member of the Blue River M.E. Church, where the funeral will be held at a date to be announced later. He was very conscientious and honorable in all his relations with his fellow man, and it was his aim at all times to do right and live up to the Golden Rule.

FUNERAL OF SAMUEL RILEY

The funeral of Samuel Riley was held at three o'clock Friday afternoon at the Blue River M.E. Church, Rev. Charles Tinkham of Decatur, conducting the services. Burial was in the church cemetery. The pall bearers were: Burt and Lee Waugh, Merle Rouch, Sam Steele, Earl Archer and Ed Miller. Six nieces of Mr. Riley were flower bearers: Mrs. Burt Harshberger, Blanche Harshberger, Mrs Gale Raber, Miss Ottie Yountz, Mrs Irvin aHartman and Mrs Charles More.

Those who sent floral pieces: The Blue River M.E. Ladies Aid, The Rouch Brothers, The Charles Riley girls, Mrs Charles Riley and DeWitt, Dr. and Mrs Ben Linville and the neighbors together who were Messrs and Mesdames Michael Hess, Jacob Plummer, L.M. Maggert, Howard McLain, Myrl Rouch, Sam Steele, Hugh Spear, Zachariah Garrison, Homer Gaff, Quincy McLain also Mrs Jennie Rouch and Mrs Peter Garrison.

SALE BILL

On account of ill health I am going to leave the farm and will hold a public sale on my farm 6 miles east of Columbia City, 1 mile west of Collins on the Panhandle Railroad on

THURSDAY, FEB. 26, 1920

This is my first and last sale and everything will be sold to the highest responsible bidder, without reserve, including the following property, to wit:

8 HORSES- One extra good horse coming 6 years old, wt. 1750 one pair of 8 year old brood mares, in foal, wt. 3000; one bay mare coming 5 years old, wt. 1300; one bay mare coming 4 year old wt. 1300; one coming two year old Belgian colt; one coming one year old Belgian colt; one three year old horse.

29 CATTLE- One A No.1 Shorthorn bull 2 years old; one cow 8 years old, fresh; 2 cows 4 yrs. old, fresh; 1 cow 6 yrs old fresh in January; one cow 7 yrs old fresh last June; one cow 8 yrs old will be fresh in April; one cow 3 yrs old will be fresh in March; one cow 4 yrs old will be fresh in September; two yearling steers; one yearling bull; one bull, 6 months old; 7 yearling heifers; 3 little calves; 5 heifers 6 months old; These cattle are all dual purpose grade Shorthorns and every one good in every way.

CHICKENS- 200 laying hens, yearlings and pullets.

HAY AND GRAIN- Ten tons mixed hay; 75 shocks of hood corn; three bushels Reid's Yellow Dent seed corn; 150 bushels Big 4 Seed oats.

24 HOGS- Two extra good brood sows will farrow March 1 to 10th one Duroc Sow, to farrow in April, had one litter; one good Duroc Male hog, 18 months old; 20 head of extra good fall shoats, weighing 50 to 125 lbs.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS*- One Deering binder; one 3½ in wagon; one McCormick mower, new; one Dane hay-loader, nearly new; one Deering hay-tedder nearly new; one 14-16 tandem disc harrow; one I.H.C. corn planter, with fertilizer and check row one Oliver riding breaking plow #11; one Oliver walking, breaking plow \$405; one Oliver walking, breaking plow \$404; one Oliver riding corn cultivator, one Superior 10 disc grain drill; one Hoosier, 1 horse grain drill; one spring-tooth harrow, new; 2 spile tooth harrows; one McCormick corn binder; one 2 roll Appleton corn shredder; one Bowsher #10 feed grinder; one mounted buzz-saw, squipted with 6h.p. I.H.C. gasoline-kerosine type 11 engine, new; one 1000 lb. scale; one 3½ in low wagon; one 10ft. galvanized self-fedder, new; one complete set of butchering tools; one Corn King I.H.C. manure spreader; one set dump boards; one spring wagon; one combination hay and grain stock rack; one DeLavel No. 12 cream separator; one churn and butter worker, combined, capacity 3-10 gannons cream; two tank heaters; one Storm King buggy; grind-stone; picks; hoes; shovels, forks; one scoop board; one 1 hole corn sheller; one 2 hole corn sheller one clover seed buncher; harness for 5 horses; one double wagon box; one 60 gallon gas tank; one land roller, one galvanized kerosene barrel; one Rumley feed grinder; 8 inch burr; many other items not herein set out.

Sale to commence at 10:00 o'clock sharp.

TERMS: Sums of \$5.00 and under, cash; over \$5.00 a credit of nine months will be given, the purchaser to give note with approved free-holders security, to draw interest at the rate of 8% from date if not paid when due. 3% discount for cash. No property to be moved until properly settled for.

SAMUEL RILEY

John Claxon, Auctioneer.

J. M. Mowrey, Clerk.

Blue River Church will serve lunch.

E. Sylvia Bell Riley daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Pumphrey Riley was born in Thorncreek township on Tuesday, September 14, 1875 and which township she died on Monday December 30, 1929. On Sept. 22, 1895 at the home of her parents in Smith township she was united in marriage by Rev. Harris of the Churubusco M.E. Church to Clyde Benton Groesbeck; born September 9, 1874, son of Franklin Pierce and Laura Frances Stough Groesbeck. Their first home was established just east of Columbia City, where DeWitt Monroe now resides; but during their married life several farms were bought and improved which were located in Smith, Union and Thorncreek townships, respectively. Belle as she was called was like the Rileys in stature and coloring. Her hands and feet were small and shapely; her hair was light brown, her eyes were grey-blue and her teeth very even and white. She was a woman of high ideals, enjoyed reading good prose and poetry and gave generously of her means to the Methodist Church, of which she was a member, so long as she lived.

1a. Laura Bell Groesbeck was born March 30, 1897 in Columbia township, Whitley County, Indiana; graduated from high school and attended Winona College for a time then entered the Nurses Training School of Levering Hospital at Hannibal, Missouri and received the degree R.N. from that institution on October 1, 1918. On Tuesday, October 24, 1922 was married at St. Charles, Missouri to Bates Farnum Taylor who was born December 12, 1891 at Quincy, Ill. son of Huron G. and Lizzie (Koehler) Taylor. Address Chicago, Ill.

1b. Maryalice Groesbeck was born in Smith Township, Whitley County, Indiana on January 16, 1899 from which county she obtained a high school education then entered the Nursing School at Hannibal Missouri, where on March 2, 1922 the degree, R.N. was granted her. For several years she ~~took additional training at Cook County Hospital in Chicago where she remained in or near Hannibal but returned to Indiana to be~~ with her mother who was in failing health. Following her mother's death she took additional training at Cook County Hospital in Chicago where she now has a responsible position with that institution.

Clyde Benton Groesbeck married a second time. Mrs Gladys (Yontz) Swigart, daughter of John and Arvilla (Pumphrey) Yontz became the second wife. They continue to reside north of Beech Chapel in Thorncreek township.

MRS. C. B. GROESBECK DIES MONDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. Sylvia Belle Riley Groesbeck, 54, wife of Clyde B. Groesbeck of Thorncreek township, died at 3:40 o'clock Monday afternoon after a prolonged illness.

Death was caused by the lungs being filled up, post-mortem examination revealed. Mrs. Groesbeck had been ill for a number of years but her last illness was of a month's duration. She had taken Christmas dinner with her sister, Mrs. Gertrude Waugh, of this city and since that day had declined rapidly until her death.

The decedent was born on September 14, 1875 in Whitley County to Lamuel and Elizabeth Pumphrey Riley and lived practically all her life in this county. On September 22, 1895 she was married to Clyde B. Groesbeck who survives her.

Two daughters, Mrs. Laura Taylor and Mary Alice of Chicago survive; four brothers, Homer Riley of Smith township, Frank Riley of Winslow, Arizona, James Riley of Thorncreek township and Ernest Riley who resides in the old home in Smith township also one sister, Mrs. Gertrude Waugh of Columbia City. Mrs. Groesbeck was the oldest of a family of seven children.

She was a member of the Blue River M.E. Church and was a devout Christian woman. She also was a member of the Clover-leaf Club in Thorncreek Township. Mrs. Groesbeck possessed a wide circle of friends in Whitley County who mourn her passing.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the Blue River M.E. Church with Rev. Young officiating. Interment will be made in the church cemetery.

GROESBECK FUNERAL IS HELD AT BLUE RIVER M.E. CHURCH

The funeral of Mrs. Sylvia Belle Groesbeck, wife of Clyde Groesbeck of Thorncreek township was held at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the Blue River Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Frank Young, the former pastor of the deceased officiated. Music was furnished by B.J. Bloom who was accompanied by Mrs. Bloom.

The pall bearers were: George Knight, Oscar Hill, George Betzner, Ben Ward, Firmer Fisher and Frank Kneller. The flower bearers were Mesdames Frank Kneller, George Knight, Ben Ward, Oscar Hill, Firmer Fisher and Lherman Haynes. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

The passages of scripture read were the twenty third Psalm and the first seven verses of the 14th chapter of St. John. The funeral was attended by many friends of the family who were present to pay their respects to the deceased.

Note: The text for the funeral sermon was a part of the 6th verse , 14th chapter of St. John, "I am the way, the truth and the life." Hymns sung by benton J. Bloom, a friend of the Rileys were: "Crossing The Bar, Abide With Me and Asleep in Jesus".

MRS. CLYDE GROESBECK DIED OF A CARDIAC CONDITION

A post mortem examination which was made following the death of Mrs. Clyde Groesbeck, well known Thorncreek township woman who passed away Monday, disclosed that death was directly due to a dilated heart. She had also suffered from asthma for years and this no doubt contributed to her demise. The family wanted to definitely establish the cause of death and for that reason the post-mortem was held.

FIVE POINT NEWS

The Cloverleaf Club which was to have met with Mrs W.W.Walker Tuesday afternoon was postponed until next Tuesday on account of the death of one of its members, Mrs. Clyde Groesbeck.

Note: These notices were taken from issues of the Columbia City Post.

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Mary Gertrude Riley was born in Whitley County, Indiana on Saturday May 25, 1878. She attended Woodville district school near her father's home in Smith township and high school at Collins and Columbia City. On September 5, 1902 with Rev. E.E. Murray of the Churubusco M.E. Church officiating, her marriage to Harvey E. Waugh, son of David Miner and Elizabeth Kinsey Waugh, took place at the home of her parents. Harvey Waugh was a native of Smith township. He was a recruit of Co. G, 160 I.V.I. under Captain Joseph R. Harrison; whose company was among the first responding to a call for volunteer service in the Phillipines. For a year they were stationed in the islands on guard duty; a time of service which followed the close of the war with Spain. On April 25, 1895 the company was mustered out of service. Shortly after marriage the Waughs bought 34 acres in Smith township which was fractional part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, section 31, being that part south of the highway. They erected a comfortable house, an adequate barn and other necessary farm buildings. Disposing of this farm they removed to South Dakota but returned to Indiana about 1910, and located on the Carter place near the farm of Samuel Riley. They resided on this rented farm until the purchase of one in Noble County Indiana, situated on the east bank of Crooked Lake. When this was sold the Clapham residence on East Market Street in Columbia City was purchased of the estate of the late Samuel Riley. Gertrude Riley was endowed with a pleasant sociable manner and has ever enjoyed her friends, her home, good books and travel. Besides the months spent in South Dakota she has bisited for extended periods in Arizona, Oklahoma, California, New Jersey and Washington D.C. To my knowledge she was the first of our entire connection to shake the hand of a president of the United States or to enjoy a transcontinental journey by air. She met President and Mrs. Collidge at a White House tea given for the graduate class of nurses of Walter Reid Hospital. At this function it was a pleasure to see Surgeon General Merritt Ireland, native of Whitley County and a former acquaintance.

The names of the four children of Harvey and Gertrude are:

Lucy Alice, Lyman Riley Waugh, Martha Blanche and Helen.

2a. Lucy Alice Waugh was born in Whitley County, Indiana on August 17 1903 where she attended common school and received part of her high school course at Collins. She graduated from Wolf Lake high school in Noble county, Indiana and from the Walter Reid Training school for Nurses at Washington, D.C. On the Whitley county record of registered nurses, her name is #8 in the list, certificate #5490 issued January 25, 1927. Blue River Church was the scene of her marriage service which united her to Paul J. Phillips son of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Phillips of Lyon, Nebraska. He is an alumnus of the University of Kansas and with the Empire Oil Company in Oklahoma. Their address is Konawa, Oklahoma. This wedding was the first ever solemnized at this point and is of interest also because the bride's great grandfather gave the ground on which Blue River church stands from a corner of his farm. He was the pioneer settler, Joseph Waugh. She descends from Rev Samuel Smith who was the first licenced M. E. Minister to preach there. He was a maternal great grandfather. The wedding followed the Sunday morning service and the entire congregation consisting of family friends, neighbors and relatives attended. The three children of Paul and Alice Phillips are: Jane Lowe Phillips, born in 1931 September 9th at Seminole, Oklahoma David Riley Phillips born in 1933 and James Paul Phillips born January 26, 1935. Both Paul and Alice take an active part in the Methodist Church of their town.

2b. Lyman Riley Waugh was born August 27, 1905; attended common school at Collins and high school at Wolf Lake, Indiana graduating from this last school in 1924. On November 11, 1927 he enlisted for service with the U.S. Marine Corp and at the expiration of a four term reenlisted. He has been stationed at Lakehurst, N.J. in Nicaragua, Central America and at Washington D.C. On July 7, 1934 Corporal Lyman Waugh and Miss Melba Zircle were married at Smith Hall, Birginia. She had been a class-mate of Helen Waugh at Walter Reid and graduated as a R.N. of the 1932 class. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs Samuel Zircle of Invermay, Virginia.

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2c. Martha Blanche Waugh graduated from the Columbia City high school, class of 1927 and on December 30 of that year was united at Berwyn Illinois to Lewis Herbert Wolfe in marriage. He was born April 25, 1905 to Lewis Frederick and Filena (Johnson) Wolfe. Martha and Herbert reside on the east bank of Loon Lake. Their address is R.R. 7 Columbia City, Indiana. They have one child Nancy Lee born July 21, 1929.

2d. Helen Waugh was born May 30, 1910 in South Dakota but in that year was brought to Whitley County by her parents. She is a graduate of the Columbia City High School, Class of 1928. and of Walter Reid Hospital School of Nursing at Washington D.C. Class of 1932 In 1934 married Reuben Shackelford, son of Mrs. Lillian Pinnington of Evansville, Indiana. He is in the air service of the United States and at the time of marriage was attending the lighter than air school. Since their marriage at Elkton, Maryland they have been stationed at Lakehurst, N. J. but have recently received an appointment at Panama. They have two daughters; Peggy Ann born December 30, 1934 and Audra Lee born January 6, 1937.

PRESS CLIPPINGS

LYMAN WAUGH WRITES FIVE LETTERS FROM NICARAGUA

Lan Albino, Nica.

Dear Mother:

A lot has happened since I last wrote four days ago. We have been on a three day patrol, and had quite a time. The patrol was going out, only a 20 man patrol and I was on it. I had a four to six, day watch and about 5:30 a machine-gun started firing off to the northeast. It must have fired about 50 shots. It sounded to be on the trail the patrol was to take the next day. They fired enough to get a good line on anything they wanted to shoot at. The officers figured that they were lying in ambush for the patrol and had thought that we could not hear their sighting Oin shots. To top it off a couple of natives came in and said that about a hundred bandits with a machine gun and a white gunner were a couple of miles out. Strightway that made ti a 36 man partol and I got to go.

We left here at 8:30 the next morning through a country I had never been through. We crossed the river and started north up a hill. About a mile out a fellow who had been in the hospital gave out and we stopped for an hour while a detail took him back to camp. We went up and up for about four hours or more, and followed a ridge to a deserted town called Mural. All of these towns are situated of a stream. Mural is about 3000 feet below the top of the ridge.

From the top of the ridge the scenery is the most beautiful I have ever seen. Pictures of the Alps have nothing on this. The ridge ~~is~~ covered with pine and oak, the first oak I have seen in abundance. Oak and pine alike are covered with moss. The ground is covered with a very short grass that mats, and walking on it is like walking on a mattress. The place itself is beautiful. There is scarce room for house and grounds as it is only 20 to 50 feet wide. Every once in a while you run across a hole where some ambitious prospector has given up.

We traveled this ridge several miles then went down into Mural. It is almost as exhausting to go down a hill as it is to go up. We were all in when we got there but it took from 3:00P.M. till dark to get the mules unpacked, picketed and fed. We only had 13 pack mules.

There were lemons, oranges and alligator pears, all green. We had no sugar but made lemonade and thought it good. Mural is a very hard place to defend and guard. Just back of the houses used for barracks the hill went straight up. It would be so simple to roll a few bombs down on the barracks and the hills make it perfectly simple for machine guns to cover the town. A few men with rifles could cut us to pieces for there was no place to go and a few gooks could make trouble. I swung my hammock on the porch about seven feet high but two other fellows were below me. About 9:30 a sentry let drive and someone unnecessarily yelled, "Stand To" I slopped out of my hammock almost at the first shot and thought, "I wonder what foal opened up on a cow or mule" There were cattle rinning around, afraid to come in from the sooks of things. They herded in buildings left open. By the time I got my shoes on and rifle and ammunition ready (only a matter of seconds you will never realize how quickly one can wake up and dress, not many buttons fastened or shoes tied) the other sentry at the

same place started shooting. I thought the whole standing army had dropped in on us. We all had our battle station and I could not afford to look to see what it was all about. I was all set when the fellows came up and formed a line across the street facing at right angles to me. They were scarcely settled when one fellow said, "There they are. See them up on the side hill". I dared not look but they said that it looked like two gooks. These people invariably wear white and a white spot should mean a man. The white spots moved and what that line of marines should have done to a couple of gooks. The white disappeared and the boys were satisfied. The lieutenant had a couple of grenades fired. Nothing happened so we went to bed.

We got the story the next morning. The sentry really saw two men. Two came down the trail and as we were expecting an attack we let go. Neither one was hit because the next morning a gook came into S. Albino, told the major that he and another fellow started into Mural and almost got blown up. The white the boys saw on the hill was a cow. She had three bullets through her shoulder. That morning we left for a place called California. When we got there, we found it burned and had to go back, to Mural for the night. The next morning we returned to San Albino. A few weeks hiking like that would make a man of anybody.

So long,

Lyman

LYMAN WAUGH WRITES BACK FROM NICARAGUE

Letter published Jan. 12, 1929

"It has been a long time since I have written and longer since I have had any mail. The last I wrote was about November, 15th we were starting on a ten day partol to Gigoli. Remember we were there last July from the 8th to the 16th. It is about three days hard travel from San Albino; two days over mountains and one through swamps. The mountains weren't so bad because we were ~~nest-ef~~ used to them but the swamps got us down. It was up to our waists most of the time and all we could do was to keep going, because of no place to rest if we stopped.

Gigeli is just an old shack located where the Gigoli River joins the Coca River. Nothing but burdocks anyway you want to go. The Coca River has been a hang-out for bandits for a long time. About August 1st, airplanes bombed every house down the river but there were so many rapids it was abandond after about 150 miles. One of the boys of the 46th Company was washed off a line and never seen again. The whole outfit was watching from the bank but could do nothing. His body was found 200 miles further down the river with three bullet holes in his head.

We had been at Gigoli about three days when the Flying Bull Cart dropped rations for ten more days. The last two times we were out we got extensions. The one at Gigoli was not bad; We had plenty of fations and there were many cattle. Had all the beef we could eat. Once had 500 steaks for 42 of us. We ate until we could scarcely navigate. The day before Thanksgiving the Bull Carts dropped two crates of potatoes. Looked like hail storm; the creats went into a thousand pieces; the potatoes bounced 20 feet into the air and went into the brush. They looked like they had gone through a feed mill. We found about a crate and half of pieces and had two meals of spuds, the first in many months.

Tuesday, December 11th I wrote the prelude while we lay over in Guilali. Arrived in San Albino yesterday at 2:30 P.M. Left Guilali at eight A.M.; hiked the 22 miles in six and one half hours. We surely made knots and could have made more except for trouble with the pack-mules.

Had a beastly Thanksgiving; rained all day. In the morning we--five of the partol at Gigoli--went fishing with hand grenades. Didn't have and "danimite" books or anything. We would hunt for a hole in the river then heave in a grenade Threw in twelve--four went off and got five fish. Some of the boys had carried these grenades all over Nicaragua and they were no good. Of course there were not enough fish to go round so we went off by ourselves and fried them.

The wood was wet and it happened that my hat was the one used for a fan. Wouldn't have hurt it had it not been wet. You should have seen me with my wrecked hat, my hair grown down over my ears, my beard one-half inch long, shirt almost torn off, one trouser leg off at the knee, etc. No one else was much better off and many were worse; especially about a dozen fellows down with the fever. If that partol had suddenly shown up in Columbia City the natives would have departed for parts unknown.

One day our patrall went about ten miles up the river. We came to a banana patch and as patrols had used banana-trees rafts before, the lieutenant decided to go back on a raft. We built one and he sent out four to try it. I didn't get on it and was peeved, but about twenty feet from shore it upset. You should have seen those fellows scramble. However they got under way and the rest of us followed on shore. Two miles above camp we came to a sand bar and went out to see if we could see the raft. It was on the other side of the river about halfway between us and the camp. As we watched we saw it tip to one side and everyone go into the river. The water was swift and deep in that place and when the raft righted itself, three of the boys were hanging to it and one was hanging

to a tree top. He dropped in a second and swam after the raft. We stood breathless until he caught it a hundred yards farther down. When we arrived in camp there were the four members of the ship, without rifles or belts.

The water was ten feet deep where the raft had hit a submerged log and turned over. They were not sure they could get on with accessories so turned everything loose. They were right. They got back on but the raft came to pieces a little farther down and the boys had to swim for it.

The next day they sent a patrol to dive for the rifles and belts but the water was too swift. I tried until nearly frozen but couldn't stay on the bottom. Came up like a cork--getting to fat. A couple of days later a boat came up the river piloted by Indians. They sent the natives up and one dived twice--coming up with three rifles.

Corporal Stuart who was shot the time we were ambushed at San Georgia, October 13th or so, is back on duty. He was hit by a thirty caliber bullet that glanced off the ground and was nearly spent. It struck him on the hip but didn't go through or strike a bone. If it had been a direct hit it would have gone through and made a hole as big as a list. Lucky, I'd say.

It is like winter here at night. I sleep under a shelter, a USMC blanket and then shiver. Can't get used to the dampness. Mess call, Say hello to everyone.

Lyman

Private L.R. Waugh, 48th Co., 11th Reg. U.S.M.C.

ALICE WAUGH TO WED PAUL PHILLIPS AUGUST 10 1929

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Waugh have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Alice Waugh to Mr Paul J. Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Phillips of Lyons, Nebraska. The wedding will be solemnized Sunday, August 10 at Blue River M.E. Church in Thorncreek Township, following the morning services.

WEDDING VOWS TAKEN AT BLUE RIVER CHURCH

One of the pretty weddings of the midsummer season, was that of Miss Alice Waugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Waugh of East Market street, and Mr. Paul J. Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Phillips of Lyons, Nebraska. The ceremony took place at the close of the morning service of the Blue River Methodist Church in Thorncreek township, of which members of the Waugh family are parishioners. Rev. O.C. Bogue, pastor of the church, officiated using a lingle ring ceremony.

A profusion of golden*rod, gladiolia, phlox and golden-glow formed a background for the service.

Miss Ruby Garriman played a program of bridal airs, while the ushers, Hiran Hazen of t is city and Arland Worker of Cromwell,, seated the realitives and friends who came following the church service. For the processional and recessional Miss Harriman rendered Mendelsohn's wedding March. Lyman Waugh brother of the bride was best man.

The bride who was given in marriage by her uncle, James Riley, wore a lovely organdy gown and hat and carried a shower bouquet of white asters. Her sister, Miss Helen Waugh, maid of honor, wore yellow organdie; the bridesmaids, the Misses Kathryn Riley, Mary Elizabeth Riley, Dawn Riley and Helen Harshberger, cousins of the bride, were arraired in organdie gowns in green, pink, peach and orchid and wore organdie hats of corresponding shades. They carried shower bouquets of summer flowers. The gowns and hats worn by the bride and bridesmaids were designed by the bride's sister Mrs. Martha Waugh Wolfe

Samuel and Rex Riley, sons of Homer Riley led the way to the alter and were followed by the flower girl, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Riley, attired in white organdie. She carried a basket of pansies.

The wedding dinner at the home of Mrs. Samuel Riley, the bride's grand mother in Smith township, followed. a profusion of garden flowers was used in decorating the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips left last night for a trip through Michigan and then to Lyons, Nebraska, where they will visit the groom's parents before going to Bartlesville Oklahoma where they will make their home.

The bride was graduated from the Wolf Lake High School and from the school of nursing at Walter Reid Hospital, Washington, D.C. Since graduation from the Army School of Nursing she has been employed as a special nurse in Berwyn, Ill. The groom is a graduate of the University of Kansas and holds a position in the contract offied of the Empire Oil Co. of Bartlesville Okla.

Out of town guests in attendance at the nuptials were Mr. and Mrs. Bates Taylor and Miss Crossman of Chicago.

3. Walter Homer Riley was born on Friday, October 29, 1880 in Union township. He attended the district school near his father's home and also at Collins. When grown he journeyed to the far west and was variously employed for several months. He learned the art of photography and conducted a studio in Columbia City and at another time, in partnership with Harvey Waugh opened a studio with Harvey Waugh in Noble County, Indiana. On May 5, 1915 he was united in marriage by Rev. Louis DeLamarter at Hillsdale, Michigan to Miss Beulah Vesta Tully, daughter of Wesley and Elmira Elizabeth (Gnaga) Tully. For many years she had been a successful teacher in the common schools of Smith township. They own and reside on the original Tully homestead in Smith township. Their children are:
- 3a. Beulah Dawn Riley born April 9, 1916; in Smith township, Graduated from Churubusco High School with the class of 1934.
 - 3b. Samuel Tully Riley born March 30, 1919, graduate of Churubusco Class of 1936.
 - 3c. Louis Rex Riley born November 2, 1921.
4. Carl Smith Riley was born Thursday, February 1, 1883 and died November 29, 1883. Buried at Blue River. His death resulted from a fall out of his high chair.
5. Frank Lester Riley was born in Union township on Dec. 6, 1885. The name of Frank was given to him by his grandmother, Mary Ann Riley, in honor of the deceased son William Franklin. Attended common school and then High School at Collins, Indiana. About 1906, in company with Joseph C. Waugh, his friend, he went west and found employment as fireman of a locomotive with the Santa Fe Railroad. On June 10, 1916 he was married at Winslow, Arizona, by Rev. Fred Carter to Miss Janet Catherine McMillian; born in Nova Scotia, April 11, 1889; daughter of Donald and Julia (Deckman). For three years she was a teacher in the schools of Nova Scotia, one year in Saskatchewan Canada and three years at Winslow, Arizona. She spent one year in Normal School at Nova Scotia. Present address, Winslow Arizona.
- 5a. Margaret Ann Riley born Sept 26, 1921 in Nova Scotia is an adopted daughter.

6. James Wesley Riley was born in Union township in Whitley County on January 21, 1888. He remained with his father on the farm until grown then became a locomotive fireman with the Pennsylvania Railroad with headquarters at Fort Wayne. He was married to Blanche Mable Gibson, born July 5, 1889; daughter of Alfred and Mary (Parkinson) Gibbon. For a few years they resided in Chicago but returned to Whitley County and engaged in farming. They are members of the M.E. Church in Columbia City. Their children are :
- 6a. Mary Elizabeth Riley born in Chicago, Ill., on August 16, 1913. She attended the common schools of Whitley County, and High School at Columbia City graduated with the class of 1931; graduated of Warner Beauty College, Fort Wayne, Class of 1932. On September 4, 1934 she was united in marriage at North Manchester, Indiana by Rev. Herbert Boase of the M.E. Church to Harold D. Brandt, son of Mrs A.L. Brandt, Continental, Ohio. He is a graduate of the Continental High School Class of 1929 and of International Business College of Fort Wayne, Class of 1935. Their present address in Fort Wayne, Ind. They have one daughter.
- 6a1 Genevra Loraine Brandt born March 24, 1935.
- 6b. Kathryn Blanche Riley was born August 11, 1914, Chicago Ill. She graduated from Columbia City High School with the class of 1933. She was united in marriage by Rev. Burl M. Beechdolt at the parsonage of the M.E. Church in Warsaw, Indiana to Gerald C. Judd, son of Mr. and Mrs Clarence Judd of Thorncreek township, Whitley County Indiana. They have one daughter.
- 6b1 Margaret Ann Judd, born August 17, 1936.
- 6c. Virginia Riley was born September 21, 1921 on a farm formerly owned by her great grandfather Riley and on part by her paternal great, great grandfather, James Riley in Thorncreek Township, Whitley County Indiana. She was named by Blanche Harshberger in honor of Nancy Virginia Riley Harshberger. At present Virginia is a student in the High School in Columbia City.
7. Ernest Johnson Riley was born in Smith township in October 18, 1892 which was the 69th anniversary of his grandfather Riley's birth, and in whose honor he was called Johnson. Ernest has resided continuously on the farm where he was born, which is owned by his mother, widow of Samuel Smith Riley.

NANCY VIRGINIA RILEY
1853-1917

Nancy Virginia Riley was born May 8, 1853 in Thorncreek Township Whitley County, Indiana, and died at her home in Union township on March 21, 1917. Her first marriage was to William Riley Couch on June 8, 1870 with Rev. John P. Nash officiating. Riley Couch as he was known had come to Whitley county with the family of John Orr. He later was employed by Everett Barney. The wedding gown worn by "Jenny Riley was fashioned by herself out of cotton print, described as having a small figure in a light background. The wedding took place in Columbia City to which point she rode "Old Nance". The bridal couple stopped at the home of William Smith, whose log house stood on the east side of the road about opposite of what was later the Brock Lamb place. A daughter was born in 1872 and died on August 26th of the same year; burial was in the Riley lot at Blue River. The grave stone gives the death date as August 23 1872 and the age of 2 months and three days.

The second marriage was on March 13, 1877 to Milo Harshberger, son of Lewis and Catherine(Motzer) Harshberger; born July 19, 1852 in Greensburg Summit County, Ohio, and who died at his farm in Union township, Whitley County Indiana on March 7, 1919. Burial in Blue River Cemetery.

Milo and Jenny Harshberger lived for a time in the old home of his parents which stood where the Carl Auer home now stands. For her second marriage Jennie wore a frock of green wool which she had made. She had been a teacher in the county schools having prepared for teaching at a accadomy conducted in Columbia City. Two daughters were born of this union; Josephine and Blanche. About 1897 they took one of a band of orphan children sent to the county from Boston. They were called the Boston Fresh Air Children" Oscar Flemming was six years old when they took him into their home where he lived until grown.

Press Clippings, Columbia City Papers.

MRS. HARSHBERGER DIED WEDNESDAY

Mrs Milo Harshberger of Union township, who suffered for a year with complications of diseases and who for the past six weeks was very ill, passed away Wednesday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock. Mrs Harshberger was 63 years, 10 months and 13 days of age at her death and is survived by her hisband and two daughters, Mrs. C.H. More of Fort Wayne and Miss Blanche at home. She was the daughter of Mr and Mrs. Johnson Riley deceased, she spent the greater part of her life in Union township

MRS. HARSHBARGER FUNERAL SATURDAY

Mrs. Milo Harshbarger who died Wednesday afternoon had been ailing about a year but bedfast only about six weeks.

Nancy Virginia Riley, daughter of Johnson and Mary Ann Riley was born March 8, 1853 in Thorncreek township, and died March 21, 1917 at the age of 63 years, 10 months and 13 days.

In 1877 she was united in marriage to Milo Harshberger. To this union were born two children, Mrs. C.H. More of Ft. Wayne and Miss Blanche at home she is also survived by her husband, sister and two brothers, Mrs. C.W. Clark, of Union Township, Samuel Riley of Smith township and Charles Riley of Thorncreek township, also two grandchildren, Helen and William More. Mrs Harshberger was affiliated with the M.E. Church since girlhood.

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at the Blue River M.E. Church. Rev. Johnson of Churubusco will officiate and internment will be in the Blue River Cemetery.

HARSHBARGER FUNERAL SATURDAY

The funeral of Mrs. Milo Harshbarger occurred Saturday afternoon at two o'clock from the Blue River Church, Rev. Johnson officiating; internment in the church cemetery. The flower bearers were Catherine Riley, Louis and Cleon Harshbarger, Alice, Martha and Lyman Waugh. The pall-bearers were Homer, DeWitt, Ernest, and J.W. Riley, Grover Harshbarger and Merle Rouch. The music was furnished by E.E. Baker, with daughter Margaret at the organ, Mrs B.F. McNear and Oren Clark

Note: The text chosen by Rev. Johnson for the funeral oration was the 14th verse of the 22nd chapter of Revelations "Blessed are they that wash their robes that they may have the right to come to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city".

MIL0 HARSHBARGER SUDDENLY TAKEN

Milo Harshbarger, one of the best known farmers in Union township died suddenly Friday evening about five o'clock from heart trouble. For three or four years he had been suffering from Bright's disease and heart trouble and for the past two weeks had been unable to lie down. His daughter, Miss Blanche Harshbarger kept house for him, and as she is a trained nurse she constantly attended him, giving him the best possible care during the long years of his illness.

A few minutes preceeding his death, Mr. Harshbarger walked out to the barn. A little boy whom he had taken to raise was with him, and the daughter whom we have mentioned had left him only a few minutes, when the boy ran to her and said that her father had fallen. She rushed to him but he breathed only a couple of times before life became extinct. While it was known that he might be taken suddnly yet it was a great shock when the end came. Besides the daughter at home there is another, Mrs. C.H. More of Fort Wayne. There are two grandchildren, Helen and William More.

Milo Harshbarger was born to Lewis and Catherine Harshbarger in Summit County, Ohio, July 19, 1852. When about two years old he moved to Whitley county with his parents, who located in Union township, where the subject of this sketch resided practically all his life. In March, 1877 he was united in marriage to Miss Virginia Riley, who died on March 21 nearly two years ago. Two children were born to them named above. There are two surviving brothers. Emanuel Harshbarger of Thorncreek township and Henry Harshbarger of Union

township and two sisters, Mrs Sam Smith of near the Compton Church, and Mrs George Banta of Ft. Wayne.

The deceased was an honorable and upright citizen and a good neighbor. He took an interest in public matters and he always stood for right and fair dealing in all his business relations. In his death the members of the family have the sympathy of all.

The funeral will be held Monday afternoon from the home and interment will be held here in the Blue River cemetery. Rev. L.A. Lukenbill will officiate.

Text chosen by Rev. Lickenbill for the funeral sermon: "If a man die shall he live again".

4a. Josephine Ethel Harshbarger was born April 14, 1878 in Whitley County, Indiana where in 1899 she was married to Charles Hayes More of the same County. His parents were William C. and Martha (Compton) More. Martha Compton was a daughter of Nelson and Nancy Waugh Compton and a granddaughter of Joseph and Mary Hopkins Waugh, pioneers of Ross County Ohio. Charles H. More was a member of Co. G, 160th I.V.I. and went to Cuba at the time of the Spanish American War trouble.

Shortly after their marriage Charles and Josephine More located in Ft. Wayne where he had secured a position as locomotive fireman with the Pennsylvania Railroad. In due time he was made an engineer. They built a commodious and substantial home at 2718 Holton Ave. for which lumber was obtained from trees cut on the More farm in Union township.

They affiliated with the Methodist Church at Ft. Wayne and he became a member of the Masonic Order. He is also a recognized authority of the Indian history of northern Indiana, and quite frequently conducts tours, lectures before grade and High Schools, classes, writes newspaper articles and is consulted by historians. Josephine More was endowed with considerable native ability and had she so desired to enter the business world would have been a success in that field. After the death of Mary Ann Riley Josephine became housekeeper for her grandfather and aided by cousin Alice Tawney conducted the household in a manner highly satisfactory to him. This arrangement continued until her marriage.

4a1 Helen More was born April 16, 1900. From babyhood she was a loved companion of her grandparents, Milo and Virginia Harshbarger in whose home every period between school sessions was spent. She as a child learning to talk called them "Gramp" and "Dandy"; and by those little names they were ever designated by their grandchildren. Helen graduated from the Ft. Wayne High School. On November 28, 1921, at Coldwater Michigan she was united in marriage by Rev. Thight to Merrill Doriot son of Charles and Lovina (Moser) Doriot of Columbia City, Indiana. Their home address in Nappanee, Ind.

4a1a Phil Eugene Doriot was born August 31, 1925 and died March 7, 1930; burial in Green Hill cemetery at Columbia City, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Lindsay at the Charles Doriot home at 2:00 o'clock Monday afternoon. The pall-bearers were: Hiram Hazen, Cleon Harshberger, Lawrence Mason and Forrest Schrader.

4a1b . Charles Hal Doriot was born in Columbia City, Indiana on August 22, 1927.

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4a2. William More was born June 22, 1901.

- 4b. Blanche Lillian Harshbarger was born on November 24, 1882 in Whitley County Indiana. She received her nurse's training at Levering Hospital Hannibal, Missouri and her name is second one to be listed on the record kept by Whitley County, the date of registration being Jan. 25, 1909. For several years following graduation she held a responsible position in the private hospital of Dr. Clark at Decatur, Ind. but resigned in order to be with her mother who was in declining health. She remained with her mother during a prolonged sickness that resulted in death then continued in charge of the home until her father also passed away. By inheritance and purchase she acquired the family home and has kept it as her parents left it, maintaining it as her residence. She was engaged by Whitley county as head of the public health work as long as there was an appropriation for this service in the county. She then became head of first aid department at the Wayne Tank Company, Ft. Wayne, Indiana but returned in a few years to Whitley County to accept a position as county nurse with the public school department. At present she is industrial nurse in charge of the infirmary lately fitted up by the Globe Superior Garment Factory of Columbia City.

CATHERINE ARVILLA RILEY

Catherine Arvilla Riley was born in Thorncreek township Whitley County, Indiana in the log home of her parents in section #36. on Feb. 18, 1855. On June 28, 1877 she was married at the parsonage of the Coesse M.E. Church by Rev. McCarthy to Charles Wesley Clark. He was a son of John Graves and Nancy (McAully) Clark and was born in Dekalb County, Ind. on September 27, 1847. The gown Catherine Riley wore for her wedding was fashioned by herself from green poplin.

They began housekeeping in the log house of the Clark parents but in a year or two they built a home for themselves upon a farm located in section 11 in Union township. This house was erected on the north side of the Yellow River road which traverses that section. In 1891 they bought of Charles W. Riley a 60 acre tract in the northwest corner of Union township where Catherine yet lives.

OBITUARY

Charles Wesley Clark, who for the past 23 years has owned a sixty acre farm in the extreme northwest corner of Union township, which is three miles northeast of this city, answered the call of his Maker, Wednesday afternoon at 4:25 1'clock after an illness of a year caused by Brights disease, which kept him beffast for only two weeks.

The deceased was an industrious man and though realizing his condition could scarcely consent to giving up his work on the farm. Only a couple of days before taking to his bed he advertised a public sale to be held at his farm, on Wednesday October 7, with the expation of living a retired life.

Charles Clark was born in Dekalb County, Indiana on September 27, 1847 and died in Whitley county on October 1, 1914 at the age of 67 years and three days. He was a son of John Graves and Nancy (McAully) Clark who moved from Onondaga county, New York to Decalb county, Indiana in 1833. John and Nancy Clark were parents of three sons, Charles W. Stephen H. and Oren E. Clark.

In 1855 the family moved to Minnesota where they resided eitht years, the younger son passing away there, in 1861 while Stephen died in Columbia City, Indiana on August 27, 1911. The clarks returned to Indiana in 1863 and located on a farm near Coesse, where Charles was reared to manhood.

Charles W. Clark was twice married, the first being on February 28, 1874 to Mary Grimes of Coesse who with an infant son passed away one year later.

On June 28, 1877 he was united in marriage to Catherine Riley, daughter of Johnson and Mary Ann Riley; wholsurvives with one daughter Mrs. Burt Harshbarger and two grandchildren, Cleon and Helen Harshbarger.

Mr. Clark was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church having joined at Coesse when a young man. He transferred his letter to the M.E. Church of Columbia City. He was also a member of BenHur Lodge "92 at Columbia City.

The funeral occurred at ten o'clock, Sunday morning, Oct. 4th at the Blue River Church. Rev Shoemaker of the Columbia City M.E. Church offiated assisted by Rev Lickenbill of the Church of God. The text was taken from the 17t h chapter of John, 6th verse, "Father the hour is come". A quartette of male singers; Lester Whiteleather, Edward Baker, Jay Bloom and Edte Goodrich sany. The pall-bearers were: Hugh Spear, Aselbert Barney, Philip Rouch, Samuel Beason, Frank Magley and Sulvannus Mowrey. Internment was in the cemetery at Blue River.

Charles Clark possessed considerable ability along musical lines. He was a good bass singer and could skilfully conduct a choir or singing school. He was leader of the choir at Blue River after the erection of the present church building. If he had a hobby it was the possession and care of fine driving horses. He usually drove a fast stepping pacer hitched to a smart single buggy or in winter under proper conditions to a sleigh. A string of sleigh bells was a part of the equipment of the last named turnout.

5a. Effie Clark was born March 27, 1879; attended school in Union and Thorncreek townships also in Columbia City. She received a musical education from private teachers and was organist for Sunday School and Church services for a time. She was married to Burt Harshbarger, born May 27 1875, son of Andrew and Delila Jane (Ruple) Harshbarger. The wedding took place at the Clark home and was attended by a great concourse of relatives and friends.

The music was furnished by Professor Rosco Shackler at the organ. After a short wedding trip they returned to the county where they have been engaged in farming to the present time. Their address is Columbia City, Ind. r7

5a1 Cleon Clark Harshbarger was born in Union township on May 14, 1906. He attended High School in Columbia City and graduated with the Class of 1921. After graduation he attended business college in Ft. Wayne. In partnership with Clyde Woods he owns and operates a gasoline service station on West VanBuren Street, Columbia City. In 1929 he became a Master Mason and has held offices in that organization.

5a2 Helen Riley Harshbarger was born in Union township on May 30, 1910. She attended grade school in Thorncreek township and graduated from the High School in Columbia City with the class of 1929. She spent two years at Manchester College then began teaching in the Jefferson township schools. She soon was placed on the teaching staff of the Coesse school and assigned to the lower grades. After two years she received additional recognition by a promotion to the New McLellan School in Columbia City, Indiana.

On August 5, 1936 she was united by Rev. Bradley of the Columbia City Lutheran Church to John Markley, son of Spurgeon and Edith (Knisley) Markley. He graduated from the High School in Columbia City and from Whittenbury College with the class of 1930. He is a representative of the Equitable Life Insurance Company with an office in Columbia City. They reside on South Line Street.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN RILEY
1858- 1861

6. William Franklin Riley was born in Thorncreek township on April 19, 1858 and died February 11, 1861. A little marble gravestone in Blue River cemetery bears an inscription that is fast weathering away:

William Franklin
Son of J. & M.A. Riley
died
Feb. 11, 1861
Aged
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ADDIE MAXY RILEY

7. Addie Maxy Riley was the seventh child of J. Johnson and Mary Ann Riley and the first black haired baby in the family. She was named Addie as written in the Bible but was called by such little names as Attie, Hattie and Hat. Maxy was in honor of Aunt Mary Foust, wife of Franklin Foust and it was Mrs. Foust's wish to have this baby so named. She grew into a very spirited young lady, quite nice looking in fact, and her black hair could be arranged into one hundred curls. In 1880 she was united in marriage by Rev. Zachariah Garrison to John Tawney whose parents lived in the vicinity of Arcola, Indiana. After marriage the Tawneys went to live in Delphos, Ohio where Johnson Riley had a town property formerly the home of Mary (Hogan) Walters. The very next day after going to Delphos, Attie returned to Columbia City saying that the house there was no better than a pig-pen; and she would go back to Delphos only if the house be made livable. Two daughters were born of this union but when Alice, the younger was only four months old, Attie was stricken with spinal meningitis and died, on April 21, 1883. Her mother, Mary Ann Riley who had gone to Delphos to care for her daughter, returned on the first morning train to Columbia City and brought the baby Alice with her. She walked home through Foust's woods carrying the baby; the body of her daughter came later. The funeral was conducted from the Riley home in Thorncreek township and burial was in Blue River cemetery.

ATTIE
Wife of J. Tawney
Died
April 21, 1883
Aged 23 yrs 1 mo 6 days
Dau. of J. and M. Riley

JESSIE FAITH TAWNEY
1881- 1893

- 7a Jessie Faith was born June 1, 1881 and died in Thorncreek Township, Whitley County, Indiana at the home of the Riley grandparents on March 7, 1893. In the short span of her life, the charming personality of this little girl had endeared her to everyone who came in contact with her. The near a half century has elapsed since she passed away she lives in the memories of her living relatives. Indeed to cousins born since her death she seems a vivid and real person, not gone forever of forgotten. Rev. John Merritt Driver who was no doubt the greatest orator ever to occupy the pulpit of the M.E. Church in Columbia City, conducted the funeral service. Burial was in Blue River cemetery beside her mother in the Riley lot.

Press Clipping, Whitley Co. , Ind.

MEMORIAM

Again the black robed angel came in our midst, visits our Sabbath School and taken away one of our sweetest singers, Jessie Tawney. She was one of the most faithful workers, always ready for any duty given her.

We know she has gone to Him who says, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven". Again this deep loss is felt in her day school. While our wounded hearts were yet bleeding from the first wound, we are called to mourn the loss of another one of our playmates and pupils. She too is tenderly missed in each daily recitation in which she took an active part. In the morning song in which she often led, we no longer hear her cheerful voice, her mirthful laugh is now absent from the playground, but we console ourselves in the belief of friends meeting and knowing each other in heaven. Surely Jessie has met her dear playmate Pearl, and they are enjoying themselves within the Golden Gates; when with us one could not share a joy or sorrow without the other.

Blue River grange too, feels duty bound to express its loss of one so willing to assist in the children's work in the grange. Jessie never said "I can't but "I'll try", and was always willing and happy. Her chair is now vacant and her voice we will hear no more for she has gone to meet her dear mother who has gone before.

O, then Jessie we must meet thee
In the joyous realms above
Gladly will we hasten to greet thee
Filled with peace, joy and love.

Contributed by Etta McLain, Mrs. E.J .Beck and Mrs J Waugh.

BERTHA ALICE TAWNEY

7b. Bertha Alice Tawney, second child of John and Attie Riley Tawney was born November 26, 1882. She grew to womanhood in the home of Johnson and Mary Ann Riley, in Thorncreek township, Whitley County, Indiana. She attended school at District #7; at Collins and in Columbia City then taught school in Jefferson and Union townships. She entered College at Valparaiso and graduated from that seat of learning

She then entered the nurse's training school of Levering Hospital, Hannibal, Mo. but graduated from the school at Walter Reid Hospital in Washington D.C. Her name is the first on file in Whitley County,

Indiana with license date of August 19, 1908. She went to Tampa Florida where she followed her chosen profession until her marriage to John Reid. The Reids lived in the south for a number of years then removed to California. Mrs. Alice Reid has a responsible position with the associated charities in Los Angeles where her home address is 6177 Outlook.

7b1. John Tawney Reid was born in 1912; graduated from High School and college in California; on August 22 1936 married Letitia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs James Lytle King. The marriage service was read in Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles.

7b2. Billie Reid born 1918

7b3. a son deceased.

CHARLES WESLEY RILEY
1867-1919

Charles Wesley Riley was born August 26, 1867 and died June 10, 1919. On September 16, 1890 he was married by Rev. Stewart of the Columbia City M.E. Church to Mary Eliza Hyre, who was born on March 4, 1870 to Joseph and Eliza Jane (Gnagy) Hyre.

Charles Riley attended the common school near his father's home in Thorncreek township then by home study continued his education. He read and digested Pollin's Ancient History, acquainted himself with the principles of Physics and Mechanical Engineering; acquired a knowledge of medicine and was an authority on the Bible and Bible history. Due to his leadership the present Blue River church was build and the Salem congregation moved to that point. He acted as school director of District #7 in Thorncreek township from the time Johnson Riley resigned until the school was discontinued.

Politically he was a Democrat and was well informed of the views leading political issues and could discuss, argue or defend his views in an able manner.

Mary Hyre graduated from the common schools in Thorncreek township with the class of 1887 then attended high school in Columbia City. Her father, Joseph Hyre was a prominent farmer of Thorncreek township; and her grandfather, Wesley Hyre was a pioneer settler of the same township. The Hyre line in America began with Leonard of Hardy County, Virginia. then continued by Rudolph Higher who died in North Carolina. Rudolph Higher had a son Isaac who moved from near Winston-Salem to the vicinity of Dayton, Ohio. Wesley, son of Isaac moved from Dayton, Ohio to Thorncreek township in 1850. The Gnagy line in America was founded by Johannes or one John Gnagy of Meyerdale, Pennsylvania. Rev Christian Gnagy, son of John, moved to the vicinity of Strasburg, Ohio and had a son Christian Gnagy, who was an early settler in Thorncreek and father of Jane Gnagy Hyre.

Press Clippings Columbia City Post, September 24, 1890

Charles Riley and Mary Hyre

Charles Riley and Miss Mary Hyre both of Thorncreek township were united in marriage last Friday afternoon by Reverend Stewart of this City. A reception was tendered the young people the following day by the parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Riley. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Riley are well known young people and all their acquaintances will join the Post in wishing them success in life.

Commerical Mail, Issued September 24, 1890

"Married: At the residence of the bride's parents in Thorncreek township. Charles W. Riley to Miss Mary Hyre at 4:00 PM September 18 by Rev. W.S. Stewart. At the close of the ceremonies the bridal couple with a large company of friends were invited to the dinning room, where Mr. and Mrs. Hyre had a most sumptuous supper awaiting them. Mr and Mrs Johnson Riley have invited a company of friends to an infare dinner with the bride and groom at their home today.

List of Wedding Guests:

Mr and Mrs Joseph Hyre
Mr and Mrs Johnson Riley
Mr and Mrs Milo Harshbarger
Mr and Mrs Charles Clark
Mr and Mrs Samuel S. Riley
Mr and Mrs Virgil Hyre
Mr and Mrs

Mr and Mrs David Hyre
Dadie, Carrie, Kizzie, Eugene, Grace, Emma and Lydia Hyre
Eve Patterson
Mrs Catherine Patterson
Jesse Kyler
Rev. W.S. Stewart

Obituary

Charles W. Riley was born on the farm upon which he died, August 26, 1867 and at his death was 51 years, 9 months and 14 days of age. He was united in marriage to Mary E. Hyre daughter of Elizabeth and the late Joseph Hyre, Sept 18, 1890. His wife and six children survive him. The children are Mrs. S.G. Raber of Cleveland, O. Mrs. M.J. Menzie of Warren, Ohio; DeWitt, Christobel, Bernice and Catherine at home. One brother, Samuel S. Riley of Smith township and one sister, Mrs Charles Clark of Union township also survive.

The deceased affiliated with the Methodist church in Columbia City and attended services there for several years but later transferred his membership to the Blue River Methodist Church.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at the home at 2:30 o'clock. Reverend L.A. Luckenbill conducted the service. He chose as a text a part of the 13th verse, 14th chapter of Revelations, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them".

The pall-bearers were: Paul Vaughn, Earl Archer, James Riley, Edward Miller, Harry Early and Frank Hazen. Many old friends were present to pay last respects to the deceased. Internment was made in the family lot at Blue River.

the six children of Carles and Mary Hyre Riley were:

Nellie Marieborn June 13, 1891
Mirth Lorene born April 14, 1893
DeWitt Clinton born Feb. 23, 1895
Christabel born Jan. 18, 1898
Mary Bernice born March 26, 1901
Sarah Catherine born December 21, 1902

- 8a. Nellie Marie Riley graduated from the High School in Columbia City Indiana in 1910; attended Winona Coolege for six months and then taught 3 terms of school in Thorncreek Township. On May 30, 1913 was united in marriage to Samuel Gale Raber, born August 2, 1892 in Union township, son of John and Sabrine(Quick)Raber. He attended Purdue University for two years and is now an official in the signal department of the Erie Railroad. He is a member of the Blue River Lodge, Chapter and Council of the Masonic Lodge at Columbia City and of the Presbyterian Church of the same city. Mellie Raber is a member of the Blue River M.E.Church. Home address 236 Curry Place, Youngstown, Ohio.
- 8b. Mirth Lorene Riley graduated from the High School in Columbia City with the class of 1912. On July 25, 1914 she was united in marriage by Rev. Shoemaker of Columbia City to Marshall James Menzie of Warsaw, Ind. He was born July 21, 1890, son of Sherman and Sylvina(Venator) Menzie is an official in the signal department of the Erie Railroad and concilman of his ward in Warren, Ohio. Home address 520 Kinilworth Road, S.E. Mirth Menzie is a member of the Blue River M.E.Church
- 8c. DeWitt Clinton Riley was born in Thorncreek township on February 23, 1895. On Feb. 1, 1926 married Fern, born September 22, 1895, daughter of John Wesley and Sarah(Chamberlain) Simpson. Address Columbia City.
- 8 d Christabel was married on June 14, 1925 by Rev. Heitt of the M.E. Church in Sharon, Pa. to Hiram Issac Hazen, born October 29, 1899, son of Josiah and Juda(Long) Hazen. Hiram graduated from the Darwell High School and was a member of Co. A, Student Army Training Corps, Tabash College in 1918. He is a R.F.D. postman out of Columbia City, Indiana. Hiram and Christabel Hazen have a son named:
James
- 8d1 James Riley Hazen born January 25, 1930 at the Linville Hospital in Columbia City, Indiana.

- 8e. Mary Bernice Riley was born in Thorncreek township; graduated from High School at Columbia City, class of 1919; and from Lakeside Hospital School of Nursing in Cleveland, Ohio with the class of 1922. On Saturday, October 16, 1926 she was united in marriage by Rev. Nixon at the Warren, Ohio home of Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Menzie to Warren John Davidson. He was born November 24, 1897, son of George Washington and Mary (Neuenschwander) Davidson. He is a veteran of the World War and engaged in business in Cleveland, Ohio.
- 8f. Sarah Catherine Riley was born in Thorncreek township and named after Sarah (Cobaugh) Waugh and Catherine Riley Clark who assisted Dr. David Linville at the time of her birth. She attended High School in Columbia City and graduated from the Ohio Business Institute in Warren Ohio. For several years she was a deputy auditor in the office of the County Auditor at Warren. On October 15, 1928 her marriage to Wayne Wilson Pierce, son of Lynn Wilson and Addie (Tilbrook) Pierce, of Warren, Ohio took place at the home of the mother in Whitley County Indiana. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Frank Young of the Blue River M.E. Church and was witnessed by a large gathering of relatives and friends. Wayne W. Pierce graduated from High School at Champion, O and attended Ohio State University. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and resides on a farm out of Warren, O. Wayne and Catherine are the parents of one son.
- 8fl. Lynn Wilson Pierce, born March 18, 1935.

JAMES CORE RILEY
1825-1879

James Core Riley was born in Wayne township, Fayette County, Ohio on December 24, 1825 and died at the home of Johnson Riley in Thorncreek township, Whitley, County, Indiana, on March 20, 1879. The epitaph in his tombstone records that he was 53 years, 2 months and 24 days of age.

It has been told that the mother of James lived only three days after his birth and that he was taken by relatives but when three years old was returned to his father's household. James Core Riley never married so after the death of his father he lived in the home of Johnson Riley. He bought a farm of 94 acres in Section 3, Union township and cleared it for farming. The land was purchased of Samuel and Elisabeth Smith for \$1400 on December 28, 1860. The farm was sold by Johnson Riley, administrator of the estate to Andrew Briggs, and is owned at the present time by Dr. Jesse Briggs.

James Riley was in failing health for a number of years before his demise. He was buried at Blue River beside his father.

LETTER BY JAMES C. RILEY TO REBECCA RILEY GRIMES

Columbia City

February 22, 1876.

Dear sister, it is with pleasure that I take my pen in hand to write to you that we are all well at present, but myself, I have not got very stout but am somewhat better. This winter I was and last summer and fall but I still have the cronic yet every once in a while. Sometimes my appetite is good and sometimes very poor. I have to diet all the time. I have done no work yet I take no medicine very much. We have no snow this winter, only had about three or four inches about the 27th of Jan. and it last about three days then it melted off and thats all the sledding we had. We had a very warm muddy winter. It rains most all the time then it freezes up for 3or4 days then warm rain and mud again. The river is very hie. The wheat is not veary much hurt yet. There was a man south of Columbia City his barn burnt up by lightning on the 8th of February. He had over 200 bushels of wheat all bournt up. His loss is 3000 dollars. I have a letter from Wesley Lilly about three or four days ago. He says they are all well at present. He says Jima sold the old home place and moved west of London, and bought a farm there and then he lived on that farm awhile then moved in town. to live in London. He was a trading man. He died at London Jimas first wifes children, the two boys is going to school at Delaware and the two girls of Jimas are married. One lives close by the old home place and the other one lives in Iowa. Jimas last wife lives in London and her children.

Wesley rote that Polly and her two boys are well. Pollys older boy his name is Wesley, lives in London. He is a lawyer and a good one too. Pollys other boy is Phillip, he is a farmer andlives close to Jefferson. They are both married. Then Wesley rote about his boys. The older one-his name is Thomas-

died in the army and Daniel got shot in the battle of Chichamauga, Tennessee. One boy is married and lives on the old home place of Jimas. Two boys are at home with him.

Wesley rote that there is a railroad that runs from Columbus to London and runs rite through Jimas old home place and the south side of Jimas old house. They have a station and call it Lillys Chapel. They also have a meeting house there and a post office. Wesley says that he alse wants you to rite to him and direct his letter to Lilly Chapel, Madison County, Ohio. I wrote to Wesley about 5 weeks ago and directed his letter to Jefferson and now he wants me to direct to Lilly Chapel. Wesley says they have lots of mud and rain there. He says they have no snow this winter. I have got a letter from Angeline that first of December. They were all well then. She says she quit weaving till spring. She says Frank works out by drys work. Rite and let me know how Jonta is getting along at Colorado. No more at present so Good by,

J.C.Riley

Columbia City,
October, 1 1875

Dear sister I take my pen in hand to let you no about my health. Well Beacka I have been a long time to rite to you and I am veary sorry that I never hid write to you yet I will rite this time. It was a hard matter to get hold of a pen and ink to rite. Well Beacka my health has been v ry poor this summer. I still have that same complaint when I was at your house. It hot worse this summer by so much damp weather. I am in a bad fix so I don't know what to do. I can do nothing but wekl about the house and go to town sometimes. I have been doctorin all the time with the Columbia City Doctors but dont do no good so I expect I cant live veary long. My bowels keep inflamed all the time and I am getting discouraged. I have never been to that Ft. Wayne doctor that I was speakin of when I was at your house. I have a notion to go to Ft. Wayne to see that Doctor this fall and see weather he can cure me. Doctor Linville of Columbia City thinks I cant get entirely well of it. If it is so I think I am in a hard fix. mly health has been getting poor for some years past. Becka I have been very sick last winter with pneumonia and I was not expected to live. Doctor Linvill tended me. I had to send for Angelina to come and wait on me. I sent Sam Riley to Bourbon for her. She waited on me for 4 or 5 weeks. I paid her ten dollars and her way to and from Bourbon. Frank came along with her. We got a letter 2 or 3 months ago They are all well. She os still weaving carpet. Frank is working at the harness trade. I sent for her on the 12 or 14 of February last so Angelina wanted me to come and live with her on account of my ailments. I dont know what to do. I expect I will have to go and stay with her if I cant get well, I aint fit to work no how. I have to pay my board 2 dollars per week. I stay at Johnsons yet. Becka you rote me last spring that you wanted to know how my health is and you want me to come and see you a while. I would like to come if i was only wellbut I dont like to come for not being well. If I come I would be ailing all the time at your house so hate to come the way I

am but if well I would come right off and stay a winter with you vut its hard telling when I can come. Well Becka I got my farm about cleared except 20 acres I dont intend to clear. I have a splended pasture this summer, its nee hie I sold my pasture to Johnson for #175 and Johnson sold it to Briggs for the same. I got \$150 last summer and \$25 more this summer. Wheat is #50per bushel. Hogs is 7 or 8 dollars, oats about 45ct per, potatoes 25ct per. Becka writ to me and let me know all your health and hows Jont and Riley. The health of our neighbors is tolerably good with some ague. Well Beack my appetite has been poor all summer. No more at present . so good by

James C. Riley

ESTATE OF JAMES C. RILEY

Total.....	\$4500.00
Allowance to Johnson Riley.....	\$ 1000.00
Durflinger heirs.....	400.00
Tax.....	25.00
Funeral.....	<u>108.00</u>
	\$1533.20

	\$ 2966.20
Intrest	<u>194.89</u>
	\$ 3061.09

Angeline Riley Day received \$1021.36
Rebecca Riley Grimes.....
Johnson Riley.....

FLAMES DESTROY COUNTRY HOME

Charles Riley Residence Burned Tuesday Evening in Thorncreek Township Five Year Old Daughter Had Narrow Escape.

July 10, 1906

The country residence of Charles Riley in Thorncreek township a few miles north of this city, was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday evening, with the exception of a summer kitchen, which was connected to the house, but was saved by the hardest kind of work.

The oldest daughter had started a fire in the cook stove to prepare the evening meal and to hasten matters the stove was filled with dry shingles which sent out a shower of sparks. They fell upon the roof of the main part of the swelling setting it ablaze.

Mrs. Riley, who was working in the garden, noticed the fire first and gave the alarm as best she could by telephoning the neighbors for help. Dora Miller, a daughter of Henry Miller called central in this city and requested that all the residents in the Riley neighborhood be notified at once, and of course the request was quickly complied with which resulted in a crowd of fire fighters gathering in a few minutes. Mr Riley was at the barn and about the first thing he did was to attach the garden hose to the pump and began throwing water on the building that was saved.

Part of them devoted their attention to removing the household effects from the residence and the balance formed a bucket brigade, throwing water on the flames and rearing out the run-way which connected the summer kitchen with the main dwelling. All the goods were removed from the various rooms in safety, including both floors and the cellar with the exception of the carpets.

Little Girl's Narrow Escape

In the hurry and excitement incident to the occasion, the life of little Bernice Riley, aged five years, was endangered. The child was sleeping on a bed in one of the rooms upstairs unconscious of the fire and had been forgotten. Her mother in rolling up the bed clothes found her little girl. Sparks were already falling from the ceiling to the floor and three minutes later no one could have possibly ventured upstairs. Her discovery and rescue at the last moment seems almost providential.

Gasoline Did Not Start Fire

The first report reaching this city stated that an explosion started the fire but this was untrue. There is a gasoline stove, a gasoline tank and a gasoline engine at the Riley home, but the first thing that was done was to remove them to a place of safety. The fire caught from sparks from the cook-stove as stated, and was first discovered at about 4:35 o'clock standard time, and the house was burned to the foundation before dark. The summer kitchen was saved by heroic work on the part of the volunteer fire-fighters and will be used as a temporary shelter for the family until they can rebuild. Their goods were stored in the Riley school house a quarter mile distant.

The house was built about twenty-eight years ago by Johnson Riley, Deceased and was a two storey structure, five rooms below and five rooms above. It was in fairly good condition and has many modern improvements, including sinks, washstands and other plumbing to be found in the farm houses of today.

The fact that the fire started on the roof and burned downward afforded an opportunity to save the contents, and the further fact that there was little wind aided the neighbors materially in preventing the flames from spreading to the buildings in the rear.

The house was insured for \$650 in the Farmers Mutual, probably \$50 being on the summer kitchen. There was also \$200 on the contents. While most of the household goods were saved, Mr Riley figures that if the full amount of insurance is paid him he will still be a loser to the extent of \$1000.

Association of the Descendants of James Riley 1788-1860

On Sunday, August 8, 1926 a family group met gathered at the home of Mrs. Charles Riley in Thorncreek township, Whitley County, Indiana and formed the association. The business meeting was conducted by Mellie Raber.

The second meeting took place on September 4, 1927 at the same place.

The third gathering was at the home of Mrs Catherine Clark in Union township Whitley County Indiana on September 2, 1928. Gertrude Riley Waugh of Columbia City, president and Mrs CHMore, Ft. Wayne, Ind Secretary-Treasurer were in charge of the business session.

The fourth reunion was held on September 1, 1929 at the home of Mrs Gertrude Riley Waugh in Columbia City, Indiana. The president, James W. Riley was not present. Helen Waugh and Laura Gruesbeck Taylor conducted the business meeting.

The fifth meeting was held at the home of Mrs Charles Riley on July 27, 1930 Effie Harshbarger and Christie Riley Hazen conducted the business.

The sixth gathering was at the home of Mr and Mrs. C H More, 2718 Holton Ave. Ft. Wayne Indiana on May 31, 1931. President, William More. Secetary-Treas-Helen Riley Harshbarger.

The seventh meeting was on September 18, 1932 at the home of Augusta Lundbled in Columbia City, Indiana. The officers were William C. More and Helen Harshbarger

The eight reunion day was on May 28, 1933. the meeting was at the Catherine Clark home in Union township. Officers were Hiram Hazin and Martha Waugh Wolf.

The ninth gathering was at the home of Herbert and Martha Wolfe, Loon Lake, Noble County Ind. on July 1, 1934. Officers were Mrs CHMore of Ft. Wayne and Gertrude Waugh of Columbia City, Indiana

The tenth session was on December 25th 1935 at the home of Hiram and Christie Hazen in Union township, Whitley County, Ind. Officers were Cleon and Helen Harshbarger.

The eleventh meeting took place on May 31, 1936 at the home of Mrs Charles Riley in Thorncreek township. The officers were Mre Herbert Wolfe and Helen Harshbarger.

Feb. 19, 1883
Settled with Johnson Riley. I owed him for hay and corn to the amount of \$19.00 and he owed me for labor, \$19.00

Feb 5, 1883
Sawed wood for Sam Riley

Feb. 12, 1883
Made a broad axe handle and hunted rabbits to Clarks.

April 3, 1883
Roofed. I and Milo and Sam Riley

April 22, 1883
Went to the funeral of A. Tawney

August 4, 1883
I and Sam Riley sowed turnips and stacked his wheat

November 6, 1883 Tuesday
Sam Riley and H. Harter helped me take old roof off

Dec. 10, 1883 Monday
Butchered for Sam Riley today

Jan. 14, 1884, Monday
Cutting timber for S. Riley today for his barn

Jan 31
From S. Riley for work, 84¢

Feb. 8, Friday
Thaw. Cut wood for S. Riley. Warm

April 26, Saturday
Hauled my hay from S. Riley's Farm Sam Riley on sawing
Took hay. Received \$4.00 Paid out \$6.00

June 10, 1884 Monday
Thrashed at Sam Riley's

Sept. 24, Wednesday
Rained. Hauled logs with S. Riley

November 27, 1884 Thursday
Sawed today on Rouch's logs and for Riley.

Dec. 20, 1884
Paid to J. Riley for lumber, \$60.00

December 31, 1884, Wednesday
Sawed today for Riley

January 27, 1885
Sawed timber for S. Riley

March 21, 1885
Settled with J. Riley for threshing. Took wheat to the amount of 8 bushels at 80¢ per bushel, \$9.60. Settled with J. Riley for sawing

April 22, 1885
Went to Samuel Riley's. Raised barn

July 1, 1886 and July 2
Binding wheat for J. Riley

July 12, 1886 Monday
Cut wheat for C. Riley. Rained

July 16, 1886
Fixed Milo's mower. Hauled hay for S. Riley

July 20, 1886

Thrashed for J. Riley

July 21, 1886

Thrashed for J. Riley

Aug 13, 1886 Friday

Stacked oats for S. Riley. Rained a little

August 18, Wednesday

Thrashed for S. Riley

August 19, Thursday

Fixed plow for S. Riley

December 1, 1886 Wednesday

Sowed for J. Riley

Dec. 3, 1886

S. Riley paid me for his sowing, \$20.00. Settled with J. Riley for Sowing.

Paid me \$21.82

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